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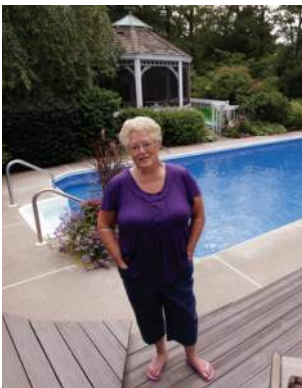
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»Malae announces election bid for A. Samoa governor

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will soon need a new executive director after Abe Utu Malae confirmed yesterday that he will be leaving his post to run for governor in American Samoa next year.

Malae told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that he officially announced his decision to join American Samoa's gubernatorial race during a teleconference with supporters last week. American Samoa's gubernatorial race is slated for November 2012.

Malae pointed out, though, that there is still a long way to go before the election. "I am not worried about it right now...I am still concentrating on CUC," he said, adding that he is aggressively working to complete all that needs

to be done for the utilities firm.

He confirmed that he has yet to turn in a resignation letter to the Fitial administration or a notice of leave of absence to prepare for the election. However, he said he has already consulted Gov. Benigno R. Fitial about the issue and that the governor supports his decision.

According to *Samoanews.com*, Malae

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Malae

Beached whale at Micro Beach put down

»Second whale incident in as many days

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A young whale found beached on the shore of Micro Beach in Garapan was put down at past 3pm yesterday, a few hours after being found.

Fisheries biologist Mike Tenorio of the Division of Fish and Wildlife said the decision to euthanize the whale, which measured approximately 13 1/2 feet long and weighed about 600 to 650 lbs, was based on the progression of the whale since 8am yesterday when they received a call about the stranded marine mammal.

"What happened was that we came out with our vessels and met up with some of our federal counterparts in trying to discuss how to deal with the situation," he said.

Tenorio said they were in communication with their federal counterparts in Hawaii to discuss what needed to be done with the whale.

Based on their monitoring, Tenorio said it appeared that the whale was not going to get any better.

"Basically, if you see that it gets to a point that it's not com-

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Veterinarian Ed Tudor, wearing green, injects a solution on a stranded whale as staff of Division of Fish & Wildlife look on. The whale, found at the Micro Beach shore yesterday morning, was put to sleep after monitoring reports showed that it will not get any better, according to fisheries biologist Mike Tenorio.



Sablan

Kilili to declare re-election bid tonight

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, the CNMI's first non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, will be declaring his second re-election bid tonight.

tion bid tonight.

Sablan, who is serving his second two-year term, is the first to declare his candidacy for the November 2012 delegate election. He is expected to run again as an independent.

The \$200-per-plate fundraiser

will be held tonight at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio from 6pm to 8pm.

Sablan's candidacy has been drawing support not only from independents but also from

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103 students denied SHEFA aid due to non-compliance with regs

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The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance has so far denied financial assistance to 103 students this fall 2011 semester after being found ineligible for the program, according to administrator Henry Hofschneider.

He said that notices of denial were sent to the ineligible applicants this week.

SHEFA received 783 applications for assistance this fall semester. Of that number, 184 have so far been found eligible to receive financial assistance.

The board has already approved 78 applicants, while 106 more will be endorsed for the board's approval next week.

Hofschneider estimated that around 525 students are eligible to receive awards this semester, based on his office's preliminary

assessment. The final number of those eligible will be known before classes start next month.

In the spring 2011 semester, SHEFA received over 700 applications, of which 498 were approved. In the fall 2010 semester, the number of applicants totaled 776; just 525 were approved to receive financial awards.

Despite the smaller amount of grants being awarded, Hofsch-

neider said that they continue to get almost the same number of applicants, largely because of the financial hardships being experienced by many families.

SHEFA slashed all financial awards starting in the spring 2011 semester. The cuts ranged from 25 percent to 50 percent.

Due to the government's dwindling financial resources, particularly revenue from poker licenses that fund the scholar-

ship program, Hofschneider said that more cuts are in the offing for SHEFA awards.

The government's cash-flow problem has also resulted in SHEFA awards being delayed several times. Spring 2011 scholars only got their checks early this month.

Hofschneider said that about \$90,000 worth of checks still need to be released to complete the disbursement cycle for both spring 2011 and fall 2010 se-

esters. These awards cover \$14,000 for spring 2011 scholars and \$76,000 for Framingham State University graduates in the fall 2010 semester.

It is only after pending checks for fall 2010 and spring 2011 semesters are disbursed that SHEFA can ask for the release of the awards for the new semester, he added.

Each fiscal year, the Legislature allocates \$3 million for SHEFA.

Manglona directs bank to comply with subpoena in insurance case

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U.S. District Court for the NMI

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona yesterday ordered the City Trust Bank to comply with the subpoena sent by an insurance company that

is suing the owner of a clothing store for allegedly burning the establishment to claim \$404,718 in insurance.

In the subpoena, FirstNet Insurance Co. seeks all documents that refer to Zheng Rui Brother Corp. or its president and sole

shareholder Zhen Biao, in order "to build an acceptable model of [the defendant's] finances."

FirstNet subpoenaed City Trust Bank because Biao had testified that he uses the bank as his financial institution.

In her order, Manglona directed the bank to comply with the subpoena by 10am on Aug. 31, 2011.

To the best extent possible, Manglona said that FirstNet Insurance should safeguard the confidentiality of the documents produced in response to the subpoena.

"Should residual privacy con-

cerns remain, the court encourages the parties to negotiate a stipulated protective order for the court's consideration," Manglona said.

FirstNet filed the lawsuit against Zheng Rui Brother Corp. to declare that it free from any obligations to the clothing storeowner.

FirstNet alleged that the fire that burned down the BL Clothing Store in Garapan on Oct. 30, 2010, was deliberately set off so the owner could claim on the insurance.

Zhen Rui Brother Corp., through counsel Ramon Quichocho, filed a counterclaim against the insurance company, alleging breach of contract and other causes of action.

Dog registration moves to Dandan

Staff of the Dog Control Program under the Saipan Mayor's Office are conducting dog registration at the Dandan Elementary School.

Ray B. Lizama, program director, said they moved to the new location since Monday. The last dog registration site was at the Koblerville Fire Substation.

"We encourage dog owners to please register your pets," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "We will be at Dandan Elementary School for the next two weeks."

Lizama urged pet owners in Dandan and nearby villages to

take advantage of the new registration site's proximity.

He reminded pet owners who will register their dogs to visit any of the three government cashier offices first to pay for the license fees before they go to the registration site. These are the Treasury Office on Capital Hill, the Tax and Revenue Office in Dandan, or the Commonwealth Superior Court in Susupe.

For more information, call the Dog Control Program at 234-6208, (671) 888-3241 or email dogcontrolprogram.mos2011@yahoo.com. (Clarissa V. David)

IN FRAUDULENT DRIVER'S LICENSE CASE

After 5 witnesses, prosecution rests

The prosecution rested its case yesterday afternoon in the jury trial of Wei Lin, a Chinese national accused of fraudulently obtaining a CNMI driver's license.

Assistant U.S. attorney Kirk Schuler rested the prosecution's case after calling his fifth and last witness, a Chinese translator.

Attorneys Michael Evangelista and Joseph James Norita Camacho, counsel for Lin, informed U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Mark W. Bennett that they will not call a witness.

Bennett set the closing arguments for today, Wednesday, at 9:30am.

Aside from the translator, Schuler called to the witness stand three police officers and a special agent for the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Police officer Jesse Stole testified that his involvement in the case was merely obtaining evidence from the Bureau of Motor Vehicle and turning them to ICE special agent Isra Harahap. Stole said he was actually inves-

tigating a separate case when he obtained the driver's license documents belonging to Lin. Stole said that Harahap asked him to get the evidence.

During cross-examination, Stole admitted that there is a log form to sign at BMV to get records, but that sometimes there's none. The officer agreed with Evangelista that it is possible for anyone from DPS to get records at BMV without permission, as sometimes there's no available log form.

Stole also agreed with Evangelista that he is not aware of any policy or a memorandum of agreement between DPS and DHS about conducting joint immigration investigations.

Stole also clarified that he was just assisting Harahap and was not enforcing immigration law.

The indictment charged Lin with two counts of document fraud and a count of false statements to a federal agent.

Lin allegedly paid a third-party to obtain the driver's license without meeting legal requirements. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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Time ticks for House override of CIP wage bill's veto

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Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) reminded the House Ways and Means Committee yesterday of this week's deadline for the House to override Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's veto of a bill seeking to pay employees work-

ing on federally funded capital improvement projects at least the U.S. minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour.

The CNMI's current minimum wage is \$5.05 an hour.

Fitial vetoed the bill on June 27, and the Legislature has 60 days from that date or up to this week to override the bill.

The Senate overrode the governor's veto of Senate Bill 17-56, Senate Draft 1 on June 30, and informed the House about it on July 5.

The House, which has yet to act on the bill, is set to have a session on Friday.

"I urge your committee to entertain this bill before Aug. 26, 2011,

and it is to my understanding that there will be a House session by the end of this week. This will be our only opportunity to pass this legislation and assist our people and our islands before the time to override expires," Manglona said in a letter to Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan).

Basa's committee is also now

tied up with the fiscal year 2012 budget bill, which is expected to be included in Friday's session.

Manglona, author of the bill, said overriding the governor's veto will be a step toward stimulating the local economy by providing job opportunities for CNMI people.

"SB 17-56, SD1 will provide

jobs for these citizens, reduces unemployment, and provides a positive boost in government revenue by raising the level of the public's disposable income. Additionally, this legislation will only increase wages to the U.S. federal minimum wage level of projects that are federally funded," he said.

Peaceful means urged to resolve Spratly dispute with China

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Christian leaders called on Filipinos to trust in God and pray for peace amid ongoing talks between the Philippines and China concerning the highly disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea.

Some 200 community members of different religions and ages joined the Prayer Forum for Peace in the Spratlys held Sunday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Noting that "peace hangs on a balance continually," Pastor Manuelito Rey of Cornerstone Christian Church encouraged the public to pray for peace because the act is a "a noble exercise of our faith in God" and a sign of "true humility."

"We can appeal to the international tribunal but peace settled politically is unstable as human beings," said Rey, adding that many of the peace treaties and agreements signed previously have been short-lived.

Rey said that the nation needs "the transforming power of God to reign" in the hearts of all involved, thus the need to pray for "everyone having claims on the islands"

"To pray to him is recognizing that to settle the current tension in the Spratly Islands is beyond our power," he added.

Pastor Raymond Kinsella, for



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Danny Buniag, special assistant for special projects at the Office of the Governor, reads "Life and Legacy of Ninoy" written by Bishop Nilo S. Tayag during the Prayer for Peace in the Spratlys last Aug. 21 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Organized by the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance, the event also marked the death anniversary of former senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino.

his part, said that the only spirit adequate for the Philippines to go against a "Goliath" like China is the spirit of Jesus Christ.

"Let's be real. The Philippines has no military, no money to stop China," said Kinsella. "There is one thing that the Philippines has; that is their faith."

But Kinsella noted that it was "not just traditional faith" but the distinctive spirit that former senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, and Nelson Man-

dela had.

"There's only God. That is what is needed," he said.

The U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance, which organized the event, presented video footage about the Spratly Islands, a group of more than 750 reefs, islets, atolls, and islands beneath which lies vast reserves of oil and gas deposits that are largely unexplored.

"These tremendous amount of petrowealth can dramatically change the economic future of

the Philippines—eradicating mass poverty and enabling Filipinos to have better nutrition, shelter, health care and education," USP4GG spokesperson Ted Laguatan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Laguatan said some 165 prayer meetings were held in different parts of the U.S. and throughout the globe in protest against China's "bullying oil-grabbing ways."

Laguatan outlined a four-pronged proposed strategy in

handling the issue. This includes collaborating with other nations like Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, and Japan; getting the support of the global community of nations; having another superpower on our side like the U.S. that can intervene and neutralize China's power; and getting the global community to pressure China to bring the sovereignty issue to the United Nations.

The prayer forum also featured remarks from NMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, Senate President Paul Manglona, and Joeten-Kiyu Public Library executive director John Oliver Gonzales, as well as various cultural presentations and performances from different groups.

Ninoy remembered

Sunday's event also commemorated the death anniversary of Ninoy Aquino, as scores of yellow balloons and a giant poster of the late senator adorned the venue.

Ninoy, who formed the leadership of the opposition of former president Ferdinand Marcos, was assassinated at the Manila International Airport in 1983 upon returning home from exile in the U.S.

Danny Buniag, special assistant for special projects, read Bishop Nilo Tayag's tribute to Ninoy Aquino titled "Life and Legacy of Ninoy."

Tayag described Ninoy as a unique leader and the most audacious politician of his time.

"He's the best president we never had. Whether from the left, right or center, Ninoy brought and transcended all ideological boundaries towards common vision," read Buniag.

Celia Lamkin, USP4GG CNMI Chapter president, said Ninoy's life and legacy has been instilled in the minds of the Filipinos and other nationalities.

"Ninoy's heroism, patriotism, nationalism to have democracy, freedom and sovereignty of Filipino people will have an everlasting legacy that will be passed from generation to another generation," she said.

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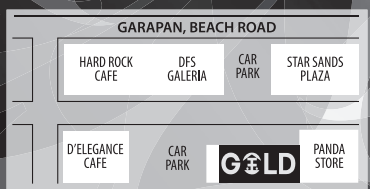
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'Pension obligation bond not solution to save Fund'

»Lawmakers, Fund weigh bond float, benefit cuts, new taxes

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Borrowing millions of dollars to pay the government's debt to the NMI Retirement Fund—as pushed by some lawmakers—will not help save the pension program, a consultant told members of the Senate and House of Representatives yesterday afternoon.

Some lawmakers are hoping that floating a \$200 million to \$300 million bond can help extend the Fund's lifespan, which Wilshire Associates principal Maggie Ralbovsky now estimates to last just three years.

This projected shorter lifespan compared to five years only a year ago is a result of "material changes" affecting the program, including a court order requiring a \$100-million reserve for Fund members, the central government's continued failure to remit its employer contributions, and the volatile stock market where a large part of the Fund's assets are invested.

"You'd rather not waste your time on that [pension obligation bond]. It's not going to be helpful. It's not an option," Ralbovsky said.

Ralbovsky, accompanied by NMI Retirement Fund administrator Richard Villagomez, counsel Viola Alepuyo and other Fund officials, made a pre-



From left, Wilshire Associates principal Maggie Ralbovsky, NMI Retirement Fund administrator Richard Villagomez, Fund counsel Viola Alepuyo, House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), and Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) during the Fund's presentation yesterday before lawmakers on the current state of the pension system.

sensation yesterday in the House chamber about the health of the pension system.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said the idea is not to borrow the whole \$591 million or \$600 million to allow the Retirement Fund to stay alive until 2045, but to borrow a portion of that amount just to help extend the life of the Fund by five or 10 years until the CNMI government can find other ways to fund the pension program other than through borrowing.

Manglona said that borrow-

ing can be paired with other measures such as reducing Fund members' benefits by 10 percent, for example, and increasing government payment to the Fund.

But Ralbovsky repeatedly said a pension obligation bond is not a solution, and there's no way the CNMI can get a \$600 million loan.

If this is the amount to be borrowed, officials said it could have an annual interest rate of 12 percent, which is some \$72 million.

"The only reason people can benefit from a loan is if their investment programs can earn more than their borrowing costs. If your borrowing cost is at 12 percent, there's no way this program can earn 12 percent a year...It's a losing situ-

ation so that is not a solution," Ralbovsky said.

Manglona said a pension obligation bond should still be considered an option.

He said because the CNMI Constitution does not allow government borrowing, an initiative needs to be acted on now in time for the next election so that when the time comes in two to three years, the CNMI need not wait for the next election.

House Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) asked Fund officials for their specific recommendation as to which Fund benefits should be cut, but there was no straight answer from the Fund.

Wilshire's Ralbovsky, for her part, she cannot answer the question but offered her observation.

"The most important thing is to relieve the near-term draw-down so that the investment program can have a decent chance to invest in a decent program on the horizon," she said.

She also said the pension program can decide to make some members now receiving pension—especially those only around the age of 40—to wait for another 10 years, for example, to receive benefits again so that the Fund can recover.

"The more we can push back, the better. It's not about how much we cut everybody but rather the select group who don't have to receive benefits today can wait for another 10 years," she said.

Ralbovsky and other Fund officials said other states trying to save their pension systems have looked at and implemented new or increased taxes.

Manglona said making increased payments to the Fund should be made through constitutional amendment rather than by law, which lawmakers can change.

Wilshire, in its presentation to lawmakers, said in order for the pension program to last 10 years, "market returns need to be over 25 percent every year for 10 years" but this has zero probability considering the volatile market.

It said the government should also be required to contribute \$58 million every year for 10 years, which again is close to zero probability because of the CNMI's current financial condition.

Ralbovsky said the remaining option is to "share the pain" by "restructuring retirees' benefits."

"Wilshire believes the Fund

now must face the reality and should not miss the window of restructuring its liabilities. If this window is again lost, the Fund is expected to cease benefit payments within three years. Then, the liabilities will still need to be restructured and possibly to a much lower level," Ralbovsky said.

Voters' nod

Just in November last year, voters rejected an initiative allowing the government to borrow money to pay the government's debt of over \$300 million in unpaid employer's contributions to the Fund.

House minority leader Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) introduced a similar initiative early this year, but this measure has yet to pass the House.

The CNMI Constitution does not allow government borrowing, so it needs an initiative to change this provision.

But even if the initiative passes soon, it will have to wait for the next election in 2012 to put it before voters. The initiative's author said this time around, there should be more presentations to educate the public about the importance of floating bonds to pay the government's debt with the Fund.

Fund counsel Viola Alepuyo said the current House and Senate leadership can again form a working group composed of the Legislature, the Fund and the Executive Branch that will look closely at ways to help the Fund.

After the presentation at the Legislature, Fund officials and Wilshire met with retirees last night.

New venue for Awit rosary

The family of the late United Filipino Organization president Ramon Awit wishes to inform the community that the 7:30pm

nightly rosary has been moved from the CHC Chapel to Kristo Rai Church in Garapan to accommodate more people.

CUC

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announced his decision to run for governor on Aug. 15. He is expected to officially leave his post at CUC in early 2012 to return to American Samoa and concentrate on his gubernatorial campaign. Malae ran as governor for American Samoa in November 2008

and finished second. Malae has yet to name his running mate.

Malae left his Senate seat in Sa'ole county in 2009 to accept the CUC position after the CNMI government asked for his help to turn around the then-troubled utilities corporation.

Malae disclosed that he sought the blessing of his supporters in American Samoa prior to accepting the CNMI

job. He was appointed executive director of CUC on Oct. 29, 2010.

Press secretary Angel Demapan assured a smooth transition in CUC's leadership.

"While the administration deeply values the efforts of CUC executive director Abe Malae, the governor and lieutenant governor understand that American Samoa is his home

and that his pursuit for a gubernatorial bid is one that is close to his heart. Obviously, when the time comes for Mr. Malae to depart CUC, a proper transition will be facilitated and this will include recruitment efforts to fill the position of executive director," Demapan said.

Saipan Tribune learned that Malae has worked for the American Samoa government for

over 25 years and served as the executive director of the American Samoa Power Authority. He was also named one of the "Top 10 Public Works Leaders of the Year" by the American Public Works Association in 2001.

Malae received his bachelor's degrees in both chemistry and English from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. He earned his first master's degree in physical chemistry from Iowa State University's School of Science & Technology. He also obtained two separate master's

degrees in both public works administration and civil engineering from the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania.

Fitial lifted the emergency status of CUC in March this year due to the many progress noted in its management and operation in the last two years. The lifting of the emergency status coincided with significant progress and collaboration between CUC and federal agencies, specifically the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice.

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ing back, then you call somebody to euthanize it. ... The idea is to put it to sleep so it doesn't suffer anymore," he said.

DFW called in private veterinarian Dr. Ed Tudor, who said in an interview that he administered "a lot" of solution in order to put the whale to sleep.

According to Tenorio, whales tend to beach themselves "to try to continue breathing and not stay afloat out there."

Tenorio noted that there were no deep cuts found on the stranded whale's body.

"Something happened to this whale," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "We don't necessarily know what specifically it is, but some-

thing happened to it that caused it to come in and beach itself."

Tenorio said two or three members of the Marine Mammal Stranding Network from Hawaii are expected to arrive today to do a necropsy—an autopsy performed on an animal.

After the whale was put down, it was towed to Smiling Cove Marina where it was put on a trailer and brought to a holding facility "where it will be kept cold, probably frozen," added Tenorio.

Tenorio disclosed that another whale—a dead one—was found Monday on the back reef area outside Oleai Beach Bar & Grill.

"We decided to take the whale since it's already dead and it needed to be taken out of the area for health purposes," he said.

Tenorio said that members of the stranding network only want the head sample of the dead whale; they had to discard the carcass six miles northwest of Saipan.

Tenorio could not say if the two whale incidents are related. "We're just doing what we can to help out and collaborate and try to get whatever information we can out of this, find out what the cause was, and how we can avoid it or how we can treat it later on," he added.

Unusual

Several community members were at the site when the whale was euthanized.

Arnold I. Palacios, director for DFW, said that having whale incidents for two consecutive

days is "very unusual."

Y.J. Nakayama, who lives at the Garapan housing project, said his mom who works at Hyatt Regency Saipan called to tell him about the beached whale. He immediately went to Micro Beach with his girlfriend Millianna Camacho.

"It's weird," said Nakayama upon seeing a stranded whale for the first time. "This kind of animal barely swims to the shore and I believe it belongs to the ocean."

Vincent Naputi Mettao, who witnessed a dead whale wash ashore in Chalan Kanoa back in 1993, drove with his four children all the way from Koblerville after he found out about the whale through his nephew.

"I feel sad seeing this whale lying here and finally put down to sleep," he said.

KILILI

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members of the Republican, Democratic, and Covenant Parties.

Sablan first ran as the CNMI's first non-voting delegate to U.S. Congress on Nov. 4, 2008, months after the signing of a U.S. law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control. That law, U.S. Public Law 110-229, also allowed for the holding of a first election for a CNMI non-voting delegate to Congress.

In the 2008 election, Sablan

beat eight other candidates. He was first sworn into office in January 2009.

In the 2010 four-way race, Sablan won by a wide margin. His first re-election bid gave him 4,896 or 43 percent of the 11,325 votes counted. He was inaugurated for a second two-year term in January this year.

Sablan has championed education, health, and other policy issues affecting the CNMI. His office has also worked closely with different federal agencies that have jurisdictions over or affect the CNMI, including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

New local law gives \$18,000 for Rota patients, scholars

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Acting governor Eloy S. Inos signed late Monday afternoon a local law appropriating \$18,000 in poker funds for Rota patients, scholars and other programs, amid request from Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola to line item-veto \$7,280 for the Rota Municipal Council.

Mendiola told Inos that the \$7,280 is "unacceptable" with

no benefits to the delivery of public services.

But Inos, in his letter to the Legislature, said the Rota Legislative Delegation assured him that the appropriation is "proper" to address the Rota Municipal Council's obligations.

The acting governor said that, while he approves the local bill, he reminded the Rota delegation of the mayor's proposed line-item veto.

"I urge the Rota delegation

to work closely with the mayor of Rota to address pressing matters affecting the First Senatorial District," Inos told Rota Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) and House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) in signing Rep. Teresita Santos's (Ind-Rota) House Local Bill 17-53, Substitute 1.

The local bill is now Rota Local Law 17-15.

Inos commended the Rota

delegation for including a reporting requirement in the measure "as previously recommended to ensure accountability of public funds."

Of the \$18,000 in poker and pachinko slot machines' local license fees, \$8,720 will be for nine dialysis and terminally ill

patients at \$450 each for mid-July and August 2011, and for six dialysis and terminally ill patients at \$300 each for mid-July and August 2011.

The total amount also includes \$7,280 for the Rota Municipal Council to be divided equally among the three members for

operations.

The Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation under Rota Local Law 17-2 will get \$1,000.

Another \$1,000 will go toward the retroactive compensation of affected employees under Public Law 7-31 and Rota Local Law 17-2.

WHEN DEALING WITH BREAST CANCER

'Besides early treatment, positive attitude also helps defeat disease'

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REPORTER

A breast cancer survivor underscored the importance of having a positive attitude in dealing with and overcoming the disease.

"You want to keep up that really positive attitude because that is a way to heal. It isn't just medicine or anything else. It's your mental attitude that helps you heal faster," said Clarie S. Kosack.

Kosack, a yoga instructor who was a guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Saipan regular membership meeting yesterday, related how she went back to teaching at their studio despite the foggy brought by her chemotherapy sessions.

"By the end of the class, I felt so much better and it's a real example of what physical activity can bring you. I feel better physically, I feel better mentally."

Kosack, who gets annual mammograms, recounted how she skipped the critical examination in 2005.

In 2006, Kosack felt "a lump and a little pain" in her left breast. She thought it was just because her husband, lawyer Rex Kosack, accidentally jabbed her in that area "when he was talking and gesturing freely."

"By December 2006, I finally went and had a biopsy done and the results came back positive," she said.

Kosack, who was diagnosed with a very aggressive type of cancer, was shocked by the findings because she lived healthy by eating right, doing a lot of exercise, not smoking, and "hardly" ever drinking.

"At the same time, I wasn't too shocked because my mother had breast cancer," she added.

Kosack refused to get hysterical when she found out about her breast cancer, which was already on its second stage. "When you get the news that you have a life-and-death illness, you don't have time to cry and say, why me? You go into action right away."

Kosack said she and Rex decided to go in the University of California, San Francisco since it is one of the top 10 breast can-



Yoga instructor Clarie S. Kosack, right, talks about her personal experience battling breast cancer as Rotary president Pete Igitol listens during Saipan Rotary Club's regular membership meeting yesterday.

cer centers in the U.S.

Kosack went through three surgeries: lumpectomy, bilateral mastectomy, and reconstruction. She also had six sessions of chemotherapy and one year of herceptin injections.

Keeping busy

To keep herself busy during treatment, Kosack did most of the cooking at her in-laws' house where they stayed.

Kosack disclosed that she also went hiking and kept a journal detailing what happened each day during her treatment.

"If I didn't keep a journal, I would have forgotten everything. The human brain has a tendency to forget," she added.

Kosack said the journal, which also contained stick figure drawings, became a book, *A Yogini's Cancer Journey*, which was published by the Commonwealth Cancer Association through funding from the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program of the Department of Public Health.

The book, Kosack said, is now used for CCA's community outreach efforts.

Curable cancer

Kosack also emphasized that breast cancer is one of the most curable cancers "if you find it in the early stages."

"It's very, very curable but ladies, you have to do mammograms and self-exams. If you see anything unusual, you

immediately have a checkup. You want to encourage the ladies in your family to do likewise," she said.

Kosack said that statistics shows that one out of eight women in the U.S. will get "one type or another" of breast cancer, adding that only 1 percent of men get breast cancer.

"The mortality rate is higher in women," she added.

Please take a moment to take this simple quiz:

Question #1:

True or False

1. Having diabetes isn't really a serious problem.

***False: "Diabetes causes more deaths every year than breast cancer and AIDS combined. Two out of three people with diabetes die from heart disease or stroke."**

*Source: American Diabetes Association

Why is there only one question on this quiz—do you really need any more?

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Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Department of Community and Cultural Affairs

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DC&CA) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is hereby announcing its intention to submit its Abbreviated State Plan for Fiscal Year 2012. In addition to the fourteen (14) assurances which the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are mandated to comply with, and the Program Integrity Assessment in order to receive the grant, we are also required to report on the progress, accomplishments, and problems that we have encountered within the last couple of years of the program. The LIHEAP Program generally provides cooling/utility/power assistance to eligible low-income households.

We are notifying affected individuals, specifically those who are qualified low-income, elderly, and/or disabled, other interested individuals, and the general public who may be interested in participating in the development of this plan to please contact Mr. George S. Fitial, LIHEAP Supervisor and Mrs. Gregoria O. Sablan or Mr. Frank Iglecias, the LIHEAP Staff at the DCCA LIHEAP's Office at telephone numbers 664-2568 or 664-2569. For more information and inquiry, please call the said telephone numbers, or visit our Office located at Capitol Hill House#1341.

Community meetings will be conducted on Rota, Tinian and Saipan as scheduled below. Any and all interested individuals are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

/S/ Melvin L.O. Faisao
Secretary, DCCA

Date: 08/19/2011

NUTISIAN PUBLIKU

I Dipattamenton Community and Cultural Affairs (DC&CA), Prográman Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) ginen este ha anunusia I intension-na na para u rinueba iyon-niha Abbreviated State Plan para I Fiscal Year 2012. Komu ma'aomenta hálum i katotsi (14) gi Commonwealth I Sankattan Siha Na Islas Marianas put para u ma'otdin para i kinimpli ni, yan I Pgram Integrity Assessment anai siha para u marisibi I saláppi', ya manmadimánda han lokkui' para u maripot todú I adilántu, kinemplidu yan problema siha ni ma'ekspirensia gi halum I manma'pus na sákan I prugráma. I LIHEAP na prográma henerátmente ha pribininiyi (cooling/kándet) na klasen ayudo para ayu siha na familia I man takpapa suetdon-niha.

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Para u guaha siha inekungok publiku para ufan ma kondukta giya Luta, Tinian yan Saipan. Todú eyu siha man interesao na petsona man masosohyu para u ma'atiende este siha na inekungok.

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Venue	Scheduled Dates	Time
Rota-Rota Aging Center	August 24, 2011	6:00 pm
Tinian-Tinian Gymnasium	August 29, 2011	6:00 pm
Saipan-Multi Purpose Center	August 30, 2011	6:00 pm

PSS eyes merger of junior high and high schools on Rota

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REPORTER

Due to budget constraints, the Public School System is looking at merging the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School and the Rota High School this upcoming school year.

The proposal was endorsed by Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan and will be discussed by the Board of Education at its scheduled meeting tomorrow.

Herman T. Guerrero, the board's fiscal and personnel affairs committee chairman, con-

firmed the merger recommendation yesterday but couldn't say outright how much savings it would bring the system pending the presentation of data.

Dr. Rita Inos Hocog is home to sixth to eighth grade students on Rota.

Guerrero said that enrollment data is one factor they will look at.

According to Annette Calvo, acting principal of Dr. Rita Inos Hocog Junior High School, enrollment as of yesterday was at 138, of which more than 40 are sixth graders. Last year, the school had 148 students.

Calvo expressed support for

the planned merger as it would allow both schools to share and maximize their limited resources.

The Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School has six core content classroom teachers and four instructors. Once merged with Rota High School, student-to-teacher ratio will increase from the previous 15:1 to the board-mandated ratio of 23:1 for middle schools.

The junior high has been seeing a slight decrease in its enrollment each school year. Calvo said the merger will increase the student-to-teacher ratio for Rota schools.

Rota High School principal Sharlene Manglona declined to state the school's enrollment figure yesterday, saying she needs to present the data first to her "boss" before disseminating it to the media.

Manglona also declined to comment on the planned merger, saying she doesn't appreciate the way *Saipan Tribune* presents news about Rota High School.

Saipan Tribune learned that PSS is also considering moving back the sixth graders to Sinapalo Elementary School this school year. If that happens, the junior high school will be left with only

98 seventh and eighth graders.

Also this new school year, PSS decided to move back sixth graders from Chacha Oceanview Junior High School to Kagman Elementary School so the middle school could accommodate some students from Hopwood Junior High School.

Because of the PSS re-zoning of Tanapag Elementary School, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, and San Vicente Elementary School, over a hundred students will be accommodated at Chacha Oceanview this year, sparing Hopwood from perennial overcrowding.

9th Circuit's Schroeder expected to keynote Manglona's investiture

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U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit judge Mary M. Schroeder is expected to be the keynote speaker during the investiture ceremony for U.S. District Court for the NMI chief judge Ramona V. Manglona on Saturday.

Saipan Tribune learned that the ceremony will be held in the courtroom located at the Horiguchi Building in Garapan at 10am.

Schroeder served as chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 2000 to 2007. She is the first woman to hold that position.

Federal and regional judges from the Pacific are also expected to join the ceremony.

Manglona was sworn-in as chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI during a private ceremony on July 30. Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood, chief judge of the U.S. District Court of Guam, administered Manglona's oath of office.

The 44-year-old Manglona is the first female federal judge for the District Court for the NMI.

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The Fitial administration's proposed budget for the CNMI Public School System in the fiscal year 2011-2012 appropriations bill shows an \$8-million cut in the amount being asked by the system.

Herman T. Guerrero, the Board of Education's fiscal and personnel affairs committee chairman, said yesterday that PSS had asked for a \$36 million budget this new fiscal year but the Fitial administration cut this down to just \$28 million in the spending plan it submitted to the Legislature.

Board member expressed apprehension yesterday that this "very limited" budget would jeopardize some PSS programs,

PSS bemoans cut in proposed PSS budget

in turn negatively affecting student learning.

"If you look at this budget [\$28 million], we need to figure out how PSS can survive this new fiscal year. We're talking about an \$8-million reduction from what we originally recommended. And with the current fiscal state of the government, the \$28 million proposal may further go down when revenue projections continue to decline," said Guerrero, adding that the school system cannot continue to operate at the same funding level.

Of the \$36 million PSS asked for 2012, \$31.724 million is budgeted for personnel, \$1.575 million is for operations, and \$2.7 million is for utility pay-

ments.

At the same time, beginning Oct. 1, PSS will be operating without the help of American Recovery Reinvestment Act funds that expired this fiscal year. PSS got \$32.2 million in ARRA funds last year, majority of which was used for schools' modernization, repairs, and renovations.

Because of the government's budget woes, Guerrero said that some federal grants for public schools may also be affected. PSS gets \$30 million to \$34 million each fiscal year from federal programs like Head Start, special education, breakfast and lunch meal programs, and others.

The system's local appro-

priation for the current fiscal year is \$31 million. PSS had asked for \$36 million in fiscal year 2012 to help it "transition away" from the federal funds provided by ARRA and the Education Jobs Act.

With just \$28 million to be expected this new fiscal year, Guerrero said that PSS has to immediately come up with a contingency plan to mitigate the impact. He said all areas of school operations must be revisited.

"And if this means we need to let go of some programs or cut the number of our teachers, we will look at all these options just to ensure the system will survive," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The CNMI Constitution mandates that at least 20 percent of total local revenue must go to PSS; the \$28 million is based on that projection.

PSS earlier disclosed that its student enrollment is expected to increase between 3 and 5 percent this new school year.

In fiscal year 2008, PSS received \$35 million from the central government. This was slashed to \$32 million in 2009. In 2010 and 2011, the local budget for PSS was pegged at \$31 million.

In June, the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics disclosed that the "per child average expenditure" of the CNMI is the second lowest in the nation, spending only \$5,753 for each student.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-052

PROCUREMENT OF SEWER PUMP TRUCKS (VACTOR)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of Two (2) New Sewer Pump Trucks (Vactor) for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The trucks will jet and vacuum wastewater from the sewer systems. The vehicles should be small enough to work on Saipan's side streets (secondary roadways). The vehicles should be equipped to work at night, in traffic, without a power source.

The RFP packet and specification will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 AM to 4:00 PM), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-052, Procurement of Sewer Pump Trucks (Vactor)" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 15, 2011. Offerors are required to complete all Bid Forms. Offerors may supplement this form as appropriate. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposals shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Proposal will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Offerors are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 0P200 - Instructions to Offeror.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 26, 2011 to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Commander, Kenneth Esplin, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth_esplin@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-055

Lease of Office/Warehouse Space for Power Division, Saipan, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office/warehouse spaces for CUC Power Division, Transmission & Distribution Section in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposed office space may be situated within or adjacent to the warehouse. The office/warehouse must have a loading dock and parking stalls that can accommodate over-sized heavy equipment (e. g. bucket trucks, augers and backhoes). Additionally, the proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning requirements.

The RFP Packet and Specification may be picked-up, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card, in the amount of \$100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **September 9, 2011 at 1:00 PM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-055, Lease of Office/Warehouse Space, Power Division-T&D" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM. (ChST) local time on September 20, 2011**. Late submission will not be considered.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) local time on September 12, 2011** to Manuel B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles_warren@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Muna, CUC Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

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After 27 years, FEBC shutting down Saipan station for good

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Far East Broadcasting Co., a non-profit, non-denominational missionary organization that broadcasts the gospel of Jesus Christ to many parts of Asia, will decommission its radio station on Saipan by the end of the year, after 27 years of broadcasting on island.

Bob Springer, FEBC general manager, attributed their decision to government deregulation and advances in communications technology that he said have significantly reduced the demand for shortwave broadcasting.

Shortwave broadcasting is a long distance broadcasting mechanism that allows a radio station to broadcast up to 4,000 miles.

"In the last two and a half years, FEBC has studied the trends in technology in the audience listening habits and the conclusion of this exhaustive study has been we should cease broadcast from Saipan while continuing shortwave broadcast from our facilities in the Philippines," Springer said.

Founded in 1945, FEBC began with a vision of starting a radio station in China and constructing programming studios in Shanghai. But with the Na-

Airport firefighter arrested for alleged beating of ex-girlfriend

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A Commonwealth Ports Authority firefighter was arrested Monday night for allegedly assaulting his former girlfriend in the parking lot of Aquarius Beach Tower Hotel in Chalan Kanoa early Saturday morning.

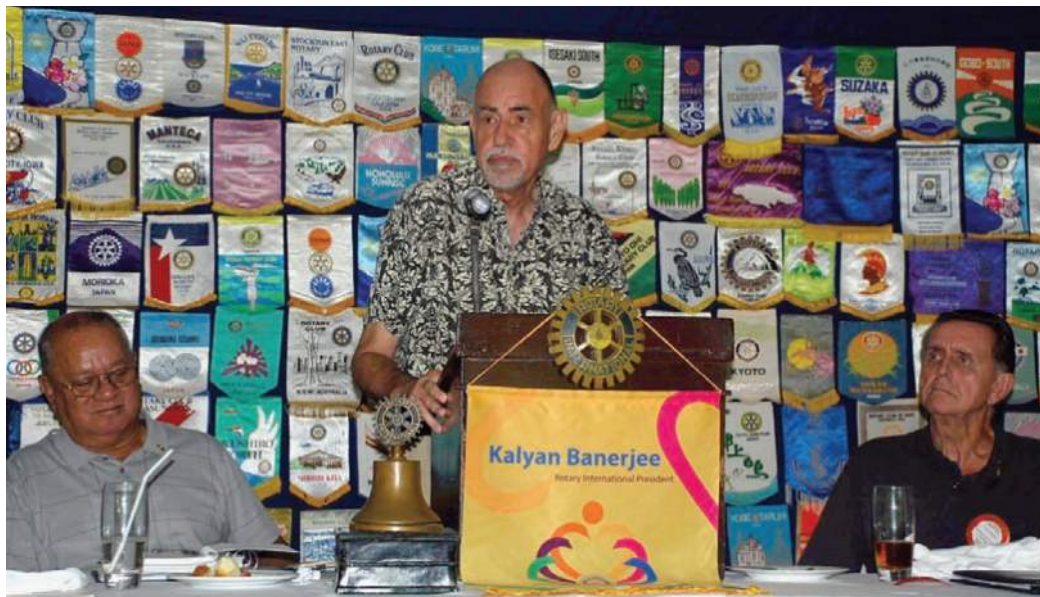
The alleged victim reportedly suffered bruises on her left and right shoulders, and abrasions on the left forearm.

Giovanni Camacho Sablan, who is also a mixed martial arts fighter with the moniker "The Fighter" and "Palaksi," was taken to the Superior Court yesterday afternoon for a Gerstein hearing—usually done when the arrest of a person is done without an arrest warrant.

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman found probable cause to continue Sablan's detention on charges of assault and battery, attempted kidnapping, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$10,000 cash.

Preliminary hearing will be on Sept. 1.

Preliminary police investigation showed that the victim was driving home at 1:35am Saturday when a pickup truck pulled up next to her on the outer southbound lane near Mount Carmel Cathedral. The truck's window was rolled down and the victim noticed it was Sablan, who was shout-



Far East Broadcasting Company general manager Bob Springer, center, talks about their plans to decommission their radio station that broadcasts from Saipan for 27 years the gospel of Jesus Christ, by the end of the year during the Saipan Rotary Club meeting yesterday. Looking on is Rotary president Pete Igitol, left, and vice president Pete Shilling, right.

tionalist government's concern about the Communist takeover, FEBC wasn't given a license to operate a station there.

"That was sought in the Philippines, have to get property, get a license to broadcast from the Philippines into China," said Springer. "The first station went on the air just three months before China fell to the Communists and it's been broadcasting to China ever since."

ing at her to pull over so they could talk.

The victim got scared so she sped up, but her former boyfriend allegedly cut in front of her and applied the brakes. This caused her to swerve to the right to avoid a collision.

Sablan allegedly kept swerving his truck back and forth in front of her so she decided to proceed to the parking lot of Aquarius Beach Tower Hotel for safety.

Sablan jumped out of his truck, got into the victim's passenger seat, and shouted at her for not answering his text messages and phone calls.

The victim ran toward the hotel's lobby, but Sablan chased her and allegedly grabbed her from behind. The victim screamed for help when she noticed what seemed like a taxi driver and a security guard in the area.

Sablan also allegedly threw the victim thrice onto her car. When Sablan allegedly noticed that there were people watching and that police officers were coming, he got into his truck and fled.

At yesterday's hearing, Wiseman found out that Sablan has two outstanding bench warrants for two traffic cases involving charges of speeding, reckless driving, and driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Sablan is a firefighter at CPA's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit.

With the ministry's rapid growth, FEBC started broadcasting from Okinawa to China in 1957 and Korea in 1971.

In 1975, FEBC initially came to Saipan "to explore the possibilities of building a station here." In 1978, FEBC created KSAI to serve the Commonwealth.

"While we were operating KSAI in those early years, negotiations went on for land to build a shortwave station and in 1981, a lease was signed in the Marpi area to build the station where we're located," said Springer, adding that FEBC officially went on air in 1984 with four transmitters broadcasting to Russia, China, and Southeast Asia.

At the height of its broadcasting efforts, FEBC broadcasted to about 15 different countries

in 24 different languages and dialects, including that of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and the Ukraine.

Springer disclosed that they receive tens of thousands of letters every month from people responding to the gospel they broadcast.

Having lived on Saipan "longer than anywhere else that I've ever lived," Springer said he feels sorry to go.

"While we've enjoyed the 27 years that we've been able to operate here on Saipan, the government and the commercial side of things here on Saipan has been very good to us and we've appreciated that... But we can see the time and we know that that's the thing we need to do," added Springer.

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Marianas mariners urged to take precautions

Coast Guard Sector Guam is warning boaters and beach goers to exercise caution in all waters across Micronesia through Thursday evening. The National Weather Service has issued a small craft advisory for all coastal waters surrounding Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

Beginning yesterday through Thursday evening, surf is predicted to build and peak at or near 13 feet in Guam, Rota, Tinian and Saipan.

Seas are expected to remain

above 10 feet and winds are expected to remain in excess of 22 knots, creating waves along affected reefs higher than normal, making it exceptionally dangerous for small vessels and swimmers.

The National Weather Service recommends that inexperienced mariners and those operating small vessels should avoid navigating in these conditions.

Mariners should only travel by boat if unavoidable and check the current and forecasted

weather conditions prior to getting underway. These conditions are especially hazardous when entering or leaving harbors and near inlets and reef lines. Mariners should remain aware of changing conditions once on the water. Coast Guard Sector Guam advises mariners: if in doubt, don't go out!

Boaters are strongly encouraged to file a float plan and have a VHF marine radio on board to monitor weather conditions, communicate with other mariners,

and call for help in the event of an emergency. The Coast Guard reminds all mariners that channel 16 is the emergency channel and is monitored around-the-clock.

In addition, marinas and boaters are reminded to check that boats in port are properly secured, bilge pumps are functional, and all loose items are removed from decks. Report any boats adrift, pollution or other maritime emergencies to the Coast Guard Sector Guam Command Center at 671-564-USCG. (USCG)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 24, 2000

Govt expects growth in excise tax collection

The increased vigilance against unscrupulous customs personnel and the slow recovery of the islands' tourism industry are beginning to bear good fruits for the CNMI government, which expects significant growth in excise tax collection this year. In fact, the CNMI Customs Division has projected that excise taxes collected from Northern Marianas-bound luxury items will exceed the \$24 million level registered during the last year. In the period covering the first 10 months of fiscal year 2000, the Customs Division has already collected over \$23 million in excise taxes imposed in several categories of Saipan-bound items.

Bill on tax breaks likely to get Senate's endorsement

Senate Vice President Thomas P. Villagomez expressed support for legislation that will grant tax breaks to investors in tourism and high technology industries, noting the need to boost the islands' economy. A House measure proposing a tax incentive program for the two economic sectors is pending in the Senate, and Mr. Villagomez said he favors such proposal. "The Senate will be looking into the legislation, but personally I'm ready to support it," he said in an interview yesterday. Key players of the local tourism industry had met with members of the upper house where the issue of tax incentives for investors was discussed.

Aug. 24, 2001

DOF: No money from tobacco deal yet

Acting Finance Secretary Robert Schrack denied that the Department of Finance has already received the second tranche of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, saying that what they have at the moment is \$4,000—not \$1 million as reportedly claimed by the Attorney General's Office. Schrack also denied the allegation of AGO consumer counsel David Lochabay that the tobacco trust fund does not exist, saying that since the passage of Public Law 12-44, Finance has already set up a separate account that will receive the ensuing tranches of the tobacco settlement fund.

Fitial backs entry of new college

House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial is upbeat on educational opportunities that may be available to local students through the proposed establishment of another post-secondary learning institution in the CNMI. Fitial has thrown his support to the proposal offered by a group of South Korean educators to put up an educational facility in the Northern Marianas. The Speaker met with the Pacific Island University officials headed by Jun Choon Won who disclosed plans to provide college and university courses on the islands.

Aug. 24, 2002

Teachers Institute to tackle ancient history

Dr. Koji Lum, a geneticist and professor at Tokyo Women's Medical University in Japan, will be the guest speaker at the second session of the 2002 Teachers Institute to be held today, Aug. 24. The Teachers Institute is an annual program co-sponsored by the NMI Council for the Humanities, the Public School System, and the Northern Marianas College. It is intended to provide teachers with a detailed overview of Northern Marianas history and culture. The second session will focus on ancient history of the Northern Marianas and trace the origins of its indigenous people. Dr. Lum will present a summary of his genetic research that utilizes mitochondrial DNA to assess patterns of relationships among human populations in the Pacific region. Mitochondrial DNA has become a standard tool for geneticists and allows a researcher to easily estimate the relative time since two individuals shared a common mother.

Fund investments drop to \$302M

As expected, the stock market bloodbath last month wiped out considerable gains made by international investments of the NMI Retirement Fund since 9-11, posting a 6.24-percent decline in July when compared to the previous month. The market value of the Fund's international exposures last month came in at \$302.96 million, down from June's \$323.14 million or a loss of \$20.18 million. This is the fourth straight month that the market value of the Fund's international investments have been dropping but what is staggering is that July's \$302.96 million is even much lower than the \$312 million that was posted just after the Sept. 11 attacks.



NAVFAC Pacific vice commander retires from Navy

TakeCare, FHP Saipan to help make child's wish come true

TakeCare Insurance Co. and the FHP Clinic on Saipan has partnered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to grant 4-year-old Kenji Iguel's wish of traveling to Orlando to visit Spongebob Squarepants.

"Kenji suffers from a brain neoplasm and epilepsy and will be celebrating his 5th birthday during his wish," said Victor Camacho, executive director of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam.

TakeCare will be donating \$8,300 to fund a portion of the airfare, accommodations, meals and entry to the Universal Studios theme park.

"This is the first wish kid in Saipan that TakeCare has partnered with Make-A-Wish Foundation for this year and we will continue to work with them to grant wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions," said Agnes Perez, TakeCare marketing manager. (PR)

PEARL HARBOR—Capt. Paul T. Fuligni, who was born in Virginia, grew up in Syracuse, N.Y., and graduated from Northwestern University as a member of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program, retired from the Navy after more than 29 years of distinguished service in a ceremony held Aug. 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

His current assignment as vice commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii began in August 2009. Before becoming NAVFAC Pacific's vice commander, Fuligni served as the commanding officer of NAVFAC Marianas in Guam and the first commanding officer of NAVFAC Northwest in Bangor, Wash.

"I've served in many places around the world, and I've enjoyed every one of them. During my time at NAVFAC Pacific I

will always fondly remember the people who I served with. I have gained an abundance of knowledge throughout my time here as both operations officer and vice commander, and I will never forget the camaraderie and mission-focused work ethic of the NAVFAC Pacific family."

In September 2010, Fuligni was installed as the *Gray Banana*, which is the senior Civil Engineer Corps Captain on active duty. The title is derived from the Civil Engineer Corps insignia of overlapped sprigs of oak leaves, which are colloquially referred to as "crossed bananas," due to their shape and yellow color.

Fuligni also served in previous Civil Engineer Corps assignments at the Naval Submarine Base New London, Conn., the Engineering Field Activity Chesapeake in the Washington Navy Yard, the Pentagon, the Naval Computer and Telecom-

munications Area Master Station, Wahiawa, Hawaii, the Healthcare Support Office at Naval Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii, the Navy Public Works Center, Great Lakes, Ill., Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 62, the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam and at Naval Base Norfolk.

Fuligni is a qualified Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist, a registered professional engineer and is a member of the acquisition professional community. Fuligni also earned a Master of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

Fuligni will make his home in Illinois and will begin his first civilian job as the Facilities Director at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. SIU Edwardsville is one of two Southern Illinois University campuses, and has a total enrollment of 14,000 students. (NAVFAC)

Presentation for vendors in Cool Roof Rebate Program moves to new site

The presentation for vendors interested in participating in the CNMI's Residential Cool Roof Rebate Program that was originally scheduled for Friday, Aug. 26, 2011, at 10am at the Division of Energy – EECBG Office has been relocated to the conference room of the Office of the Secretary

of Public Works, located in the Joeten Commercial Building in Gualo Rai along Chalan Pale Arnold Highway, Saipan.

Inquiries should be directed to the CNMI Energy Division Office, located at Springs Plaza Development Building along Chalan Pale Arnold Highway, Saipan, MP 96950

or via telephone to (670) 664-4487/89/90 or via facsimile to (670) 664-4488.

Funding opportunities for the project is made possible from an ARRA grant through the US Department of Energy - Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. (Office of the Governor)

Pacific

US-based airline gets approved to fly in Pacific

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (RNZI/PIR)—Another U.S. based airline has been granted approval by the United States Department of Transportation to operate into Samoa and Pacific nations which are signatories to the open skies agree-

ment with the US.

American Eagles Airlines applied and was granted last week a certificate of authority to provide a combination of service to all US foreign aviation partners under various open skies agreements, to transport persons,

property and mail.

Under the same certificate of authority, American Eagle has been allowed to serve Samoa, the Cook Islands, New Zealand and Tonga.

The federal agency said it found that granting the certificate

of authority is consistent with the public convenience and necessity.

American Eagle Airlines, formerly Simmons Airlines, based in Fort Worth, Texas, and Executive Airlines, based in San Juan, Puerto Rico, is an affiliate of American Airlines.

Solomons capital Honiara runs low on rice

HONIARA, Solomon Islands (Island Sun/PIR)—Honiara City is again hit with a shortage of its most consumed food product rice. Reports reaching this paper said that the shortage of rice which started over the weekend had resulted in some Chinese shops increasing their prices.

A check with most shops around town confirmed that there was indeed a shortage of rice in most shops within the city.

Spokespersons from ABBA

and QQQ Cooperation, who are two of the main rice importers within the country, confirmed to Island Sun yesterday that they are now without any rice stocks.

The spokespersons said that they had been without rice stocks since the weekend.

When asked about when they would be able to receive their new stocks, the spokespersons said that they were still not sure as to when they will be able to receive their next rice imports.

Meanwhile, Solrice Company, another of the biggest rice importers in the country, confirmed to this paper that they had also run out of rice stocks.

The spokesperson from the company however said that their rice stocks have already arrived yesterday at the ports and they were in the process of clearing the imports before the actual distribution is done to its agents and shops around town.

The spokesperson said that

their rice products should be able to hit the shops as of today or Wednesday.

Rice is one of the most consumed products in the country and in recent months the country has been facing an on-and-off-situation in rice shortages.

During the 2010 general election in the Solomon Islands, many tons of rice were shipped out to provinces by candidates, causing a shortage for most shops.

China, New Zealand mull solar electricity in Cooks

RAROTONGA, Cook Islands (Cook Islands News/PIR)—Cook Islanders may soon be receiving electricity through Chinese solar panels funded by the New Zealand Aid Program.

Prime Minister Henry Puna has discussed the possibility with Xu Jianguo, China's ambassador to New Zealand, Niue and the Cook Islands.

The ambassador was in Rarotonga this week, and Puna sat with him for half an hour on Thursday morning.

Puna says they discussed engaging in joint initiatives with the New Zealand and China governments in terms of aid

projects to the Cook Islands.

[PIR editor's note: Earlier in January 2011, representatives from the Chinese governmentsigned an agreement to grant the Cook Islands a sum of US\$1.5 million. Later in the same month, a total of 25 tractors were purchased by the Cook Islands government with monies from China as a move towards agricultural development throughout the country.]

"I think it's a lovely idea, but of course it's up to the Chinese. It's good for us and good for China, and I think the ambassador has seen that," Puna says.

Puna cites the governments

renewable energy proposals as something China and New Zealand can both be involved in.

He says Chinese solar panels are amongst the most advanced in the world.

"New Zealand is prepared to give us financial assistance but it also acknowledges that it doesn't have the technology for this project that China and Japan have," he said.

Puna says government has already entered into similar discussions with Japans government.

"Japan has responded favorably. I believe China will too."

In response to a question about whether Chinese solar panels

paid for by the New Zealand government will be installed in the Cook Islands, Puna said it is a real possibility, given the new thinking from Wellington.

Such collaboration began with the economic summit dialogue between parties earlier this year.

"We could see the merits in such an approach better coordination and streamlining of aid," Puna says.

The benefits to China are in sales of its product.

Puna says Chinese solar panels are being installed worldwide and cited a 10-acre block of panels he has seen near Athens international airport.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Belated happy birthday to our dad/grandpa Francisco Fujihira Babauta! We love you! Greetings coming out from your Soldier Girl, Maylynn Babauta, your children, and grandchildren.



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A very special shoutout to my daddy, Josef Palacios Deleon Guerrero aka "Jay Bodig." Happy birthday, with many more years to come! Don't work too hard today; it's a day to sit back and relax. I love you with all of me!—Izeiah Walter.



PUBLIC NOTICE



Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Twelfth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT THE VENUE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO NAPU ROOM, PACIFIC ISLANDS CLUB, SAN ANTONIO, SAIPAN.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes
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 - August 03, 2011 Special Board Meeting

II. Public Comments ¹

III. Reports

- Chair
- Board Committees
 - FPA
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- Commissioner of Education
 - Financial Status Reports
 - Federal
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- Ad Hoc Committee on COE Evaluation

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- Merger of Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr. High School and Rota High School
- JROTC Proposed Budget
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- Head Start Program T&TA Grant Application
- Head Start Program PIR Report
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- Retirement 60% Employer Contribution
- Proposed NAP Cost Adjustment
- Proposed CCLHS Strategic Plan

VI. Executive Session ²

- Legal Updates
- Personnel
- Other matters

VII. Miscellaneous Matters

- BOE PD Funds

VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

IX. Adjournment

¹ Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each.
² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

PACIFIC BRIEFS

16 arrested in deadly New Caledonia street fight

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (RNZI/PIR)—Police in New Caledonia have arrested 16 people in connection with the violence on Mare two weeks ago when four people were shot dead in a dispute at the island's airport. The public prosecutor says the 16 were summoned to the local police station then flown in military aircraft to Noumea. She says it's not impossible there will be more arrests. The clashes also led to 30 people being injured and saw cars burnt and a bakery set on fire. More than 140 police have been on Mare to calm the situation.

American sailor loses yacht to Cooks reef

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (RNZI/PIR)—An American man avoided serious injury this week when his yacht snapped free from its mooring and hit the reef off Palmerston Island in the southern Cook Is-

lands. The man had on stopped off at Palmerston during a voyage from the U.S. to Australia. The 13-metre vessel is thought to have snapped its anchor in rough weather, pushing it onto the reef surrounding the atoll. The badly damaged vessel remains stuck on the reef.

Pago Pago expecting bumper crop of cruise ships

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (RNZI/PIR)—The American Samoa Visitors Bureau is expecting a significant increase in vessels scheduled to call into Pago Pago Harbour next year. Its executive director, David Vaeafe says the bureau has seen a steady increase in cruise ships calling into port, with nine ships last year, 12 this year and 17 ship visits next year. Vaeafe says this is close to the Bureau's target of 20 ships per year as outlined in the Tourism Master Plan. He says cruise ships provide a valuable niche in terms of injecting new revenue into

the economy with passengers buying souvenirs, dining out and taking tours. He says when combined, the 17 ships can carry up to 28,574 passengers plus an additional 12,395 crew.

Solomons to probe illegal export of corals

HONIARA, Solomon Islands (Solomon Times/PIR)—The enforcement team within the Ministry of Fisheries is to conduct an investigation into the coral skeletons illegally taken out from the country and seized by US customs in Port Tampa, Florida, United States. The Tampa Bay Business Journal reports this week that the 22 confiscated pallets of coral, valued at as much as US\$1 million dollars, were taken illegally from the Solomon Islands. Speaking to SIBC (Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation) news this morning, Director of Fisheries James Teri said that the ministry was not aware of the incident until it was highlighted in the local

media. Teri said that only two locally owned companies have the license to export such marine species.

Tahiti assembly approves decolonization request

PAPEETE, Tahiti (Tahiti-presse/PIR)—The French Polynesian assembly has approved, Thursday, a resolution asking French President Nicolas Sarkozy to reinscribe French Polynesia on the UN decolonization list. A majority of 30 Assembly members voted for the resolution, while 26 voted against it. The majority is mostly made of Oscar Temaru's pro-independence Tavini huiraa party with also some Assembly members from the Outer Islands. The resolution is now to be presented to the Pacific Islands Forum meeting in September, in Auckland, New Zealand. French Polynesia president Oscar Temaru also plans to send the resolution to the United Nations, in New York.

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Syria's dictator is besieged at home and abroad

The Obama administration had lots of sensible reasons for not demanding the resignation of Syrian President Bashar Assad. It figured the call would be more effective coming from Syria's neighbors. It lacks much leverage over the Damascus regime.

Such a move could strengthen Assad at home by letting him depict himself as the enemy of the Great Satan America. If it didn't work, it could make the U.S. look helpless.

But eventually Assad gave Barack Obama no choice. The last straw may have been the astonishing spectacle of Syrian naval ships shelling one of their own cities, whose inhabitants had the nerve to defy the dictator. Dozens of civilians died in the regime's attack on Latakia.

Assad has shown staying power despite growing opposition that has defied his vicious repression. Anti-government protests began in March in the aftermath of the successful democratic uprising in Tunisia, and the dissidents have shown great courage in refusing to back down.

So far this year, up to 2,000 protesters have been killed by government security forces. But the opposition has not been cowed. On Friday, notwithstanding the fate of Latakia, 6,000 people rallied in a Damascus suburb to demand that Assad be prosecuted by the International Criminal Court.

It wouldn't be hard to make a case against him. The United Nations human rights office has released a report concluding that in its crackdown, the regime may have committed "crimes against humanity"—including murder and torture, even of children. The U.N. identified 353 people who were summarily executed.

So it's hardly a radical step for President Obama to finally declare that "the time has come for President Assad to step aside." Even some of Assad's traditional friends like Turkey and Saudi Arabia are fed up with his scorched-earth approach.

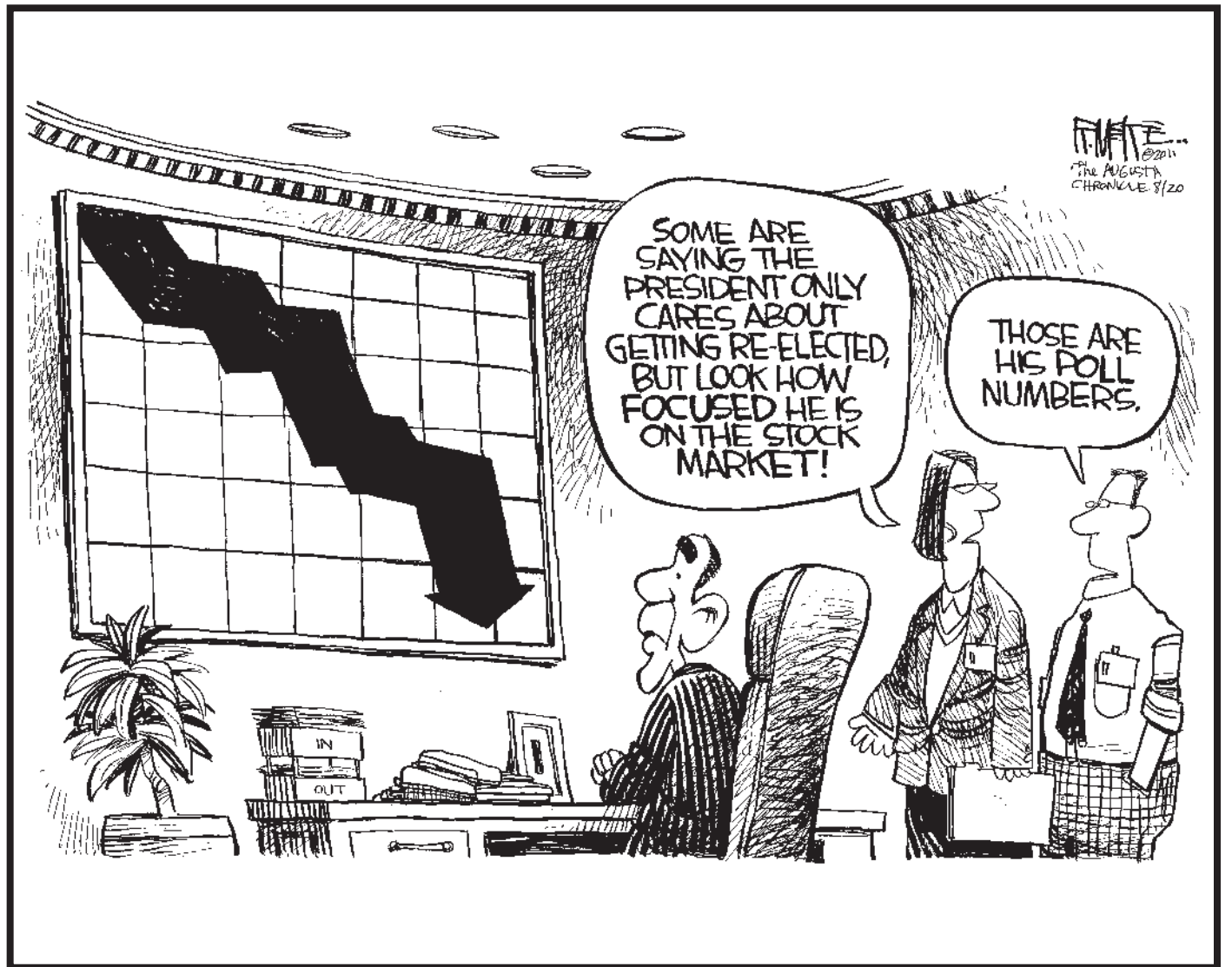
The administration also said it would ban Syrian oil imports, forbid Americans from doing business with the Damascus government, and freeze its assets in this country. The U.S. and some of its European allies are calling on the U.N. Security Council to impose tough sanctions on Syria.

It's not clear, unfortunately, that any of these moves will bring about the toppling of Assad's government. Saddam Hussein stood up to even more drastic measures, and the economic sanctions imposed on Iraq did more to punish his people than to weaken him.

But civilized nations could hardly stand by and pretend that anything positive can come from Assad's continued reign. It may give heart to the opposition to learn that the world is on their side. The outside chorus could convince some high-ranking military officers that they should abandon the dictator before he brings them all to ruin.

By spilling more and more blood, Assad may manage to hold on to control. But it promises to be a bleak victory.

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Your co-workers could be dangerous to your health

A new study by Israeli researchers suggests that your co-workers could be killing you.

In the May issue of the journal *Health Psychology*, researchers at Tel Aviv University report that in the workplace, "the risk of mortality was significantly lower for those reporting high levels of peer social support."

I read about this report at Jonah Lehrer's Frontal Cortex blog at Wired.com. He reports that for 20 years, the Israeli researchers tracked the same group of 820 adults who worked in a variety of professions. They were interviewed again and again about conditions in their workplaces, including whether the boss was nice to them or not and how well they got along with their colleagues. The subjects' health was monitored, allowing the researchers to control for bad habits like smoking and medical conditions like high blood pressure and depression.

Result: Workers, particularly those who were between the ages of 38 and 43 when the study began, who reported little or no "peer social support" from their colleagues were 2.4 times more likely to die during the study than those who had nice colleagues.

If your boss is a jerk, the report suggests, that's not a problem. But if your co-workers aren't nice to you, it could lead to an early grave.

Personally, my co-workers are pretty nice to me. They could be nicer, of course. For example, I can't remember the last time I got a relaxing foot massage. I often have to get up and pour my own coffee. There are days, in fact, when I have to make the coffee. I figure each of those days takes a month or so off my life expectancy.

Bottom line: They're pleasant enough, but I'm not sure any one of them would jump on a hand grenade for me.

I could complain, but then I'd be guilty of not providing them the kind of "peer social support" that they need to live healthy, happy and long lives. If I have to die early to make their lives more bearable, it's the least I can do. But then, as I often tell them, that's just the sort of guy I am.

Working in my favor is that I have a lot of control over how I spend my days. The Israeli study showed that higher levels of control reduced the risk of mortality for men. As Lehrer writes, this only makes sense: "The only thing worse than an office full of (anatomical reference) is an office full of (anatomical reference) telling us what to do."

On the other hand, feeling like they're in control actually increased the mortality risk among women. The researchers suggested that having control left women with a stressful series of choices about managing work life and family life. On the third hand, this could all be baloney: The sample size isn't big enough to draw conclusions like that.

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On the fourth hand, as Lehrer points out, there are the famous Whitehall studies of thousands of British civil servants who work in government ministries along London's Whitehall Road.

These huge surveys concluded that the lower you are on the pecking order, the more likely it is that you'll suffer from heart disease, some cancers, chronic lung disease, gastrointestinal disease, depression, back pain and general feelings of ill-health. Suicide is more prevalent.

If you also are worried about job security, a lack of support from your colleagues and the feeling that you're not being rewarded properly for the work you put in, it also makes you more likely to get sick.

But the plain-English version of the Whitehall studies noted that it's not just work that's killing you, it's what you do when you get home. People lower on the pecking order smoke more, eat more and exercise less than those above them.

"These lead to the uncomfortable (for some) finding that inequalities in health cannot be divorced from inequalities in society," the study reported.

This plain-English version was published in 2004 in Great Britain, mind you, a time and a place where the Labor Party was in power and (some) people still felt uncomfortable about inequalities in society.

We've never worried very much about that in this country. Nor are the British too concerned these days, what with "austerity" the watchword.

In today's economy, these workplace satisfaction surveys seem almost anachronistic. People may want to be supported and appreciated at work, but these days they can't be too picky. In a recession, niceties like niceness tend to go by the boards.

So just shut up and be glad you've got a job. Don't whine about your higher mortality rates or your lack of job satisfaction. If you're unhappy with your lot in life, take it out on your coworkers. There are plenty of people who'd love to have your job.

This is a pretty Darwinian approach. But until the animals figure out what's going on, it'll be a jungle out there.

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Article 12 sacrifices traditional landownership

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Since time immemorial, full ownership and disposition of private land has been a permanent part of our cultural tradition. Landownership is either conveyed or acquired. In either case, full ownership is the hallmark of private land in this archipelago.

Strange how we've missed the substantive change imposed against traditional landownership under Article 12. Perhaps we've brushed it aside because of the transitional nature inherent under Section 805 of the Covenant Agreement upon which was founded Article 12. But take a look at what it says that is so quietly obvious but craftily written so that it runs up against traditional landownership.

Having put this issue into perspective, the question each of us must answer is: Do we wish to lose ownership and final disposition of private land (our land) by allowing the dictates of Article 12 to continue placing half of our properties in limbo? Do we let this constitutional provision permanently change traditional landownership in these isles?

In brief, do you want to own the other half of your property placed in limbo by Article 12 so that the only way you could use it is by seeking the permission of others to do so? This arrangement compromises your right to own and retain full disposition of your land, doesn't it? Is this what you have in mind?

That half your land isn't yours grants the local government the right to confiscate it and turn it into a land banking system of sort for future use by others who don't have any right to it. Do you agree with this mode of landownership? This is the very dictate of Article 12 that is so unsettling—an opportunity to lose your ultimate right to your land. Why would you want to surrender half of your property as forcibly dictated by Article 12? Isn't it time that we repeal Article XII?

Furthermore, our land tenure system includes the conveyance of family land to siblings. How limited family land is given depends on the family patriarch and matriarch. In every instance, however, it is given not for purposes of promoting racial owner-

ship of land but individual survival. If in doubt, take a glimpse at any deed of gift or will. I've never seen an instructive phrase or sentence by the original owners limiting disposition of family land in their last will and testament. Why? It's up to the next owner upon completion of transfer.

If I may reiterate, full landownership is a cultural tradition. The change in tradition under Article 12 on this issue is not a cultural tradition of the indigenous people. Otherwise, every piece of land here would have belonged to the collective community rather than individual ownership. For the sake of all landowners, it's about time that we repeal this constitutional provision forthwith!

On protection of Native Americans

We've heard arguments about the protection of Native American land across the country. Again, a closer scrutiny reveals that members of bona fide tribes do not own these properties individually but collectively. The federal government manages it for them and the only activities (involving use of Native American land) that could be approved are those that benefit the entire tribe.

Interesting that Native Americans own the largest acreage of land than other minorities, according to Fox News' John Stossel in his exposé "Government Creates Poverty." Interestingly, too, they happen to be the poorest of them all. Yes, there's this collective ownership that encourages greater reliance on everything that is federal government. In brief, they feed off entitlement programs from cradle to grave. What a way to compromise freedom!

Because a government trust controls most Indian property, individuals rarely build decent homes or businesses. "No individual on the reservation owns the land. So they can't develop it," said Ben Chavis, a highly successful Lumbee businessman. "Look at my tribe. We have title and deeds to our land. That's the secret. I raise cattle. I can do what I want to because it's my private property."

The non-bona fide tribes like the Lumbees have opted to engage in the acquisition of land and have ventured into entrepreneurship to support their families. They prefer personal industry to handouts from Uncle Sam. And they have proven the essence and benefits of owning private over tribal land. Bona fide tribes are given special treatment. But that "specialness" has brought the Indians socialism.

Don't just do something; stand there

When people are asked where they get their best ideas, they answer, "In the shower." "On vacation." "Doing nothing." They begin, in other words, by simply being.

This despite the fact that such dreamy purposelessness is too often treated with contempt, perhaps especially here in the United States. We "work too much, eat too quickly, socialize too little, drive and sit in traffic for too many hours, don't get enough sleep and feel harried too much of the time," says sociologist Judith Schor. At least a third of us report that we have no time to reflect on what we're doing, that we always feel rushed. "I'm so busy," we tell one another when we meet on the fly, half-proud, half-overwhelmed. "Really, I'm crazy-busy."

That it might be possible to arrange one's life so as to be slightly less frantic has somehow become unimaginable. And yet there is a great deal to be gained from doing nothing. We need space to brood and ruminate and mull. We need to slow down to get where we're going.

Slowing down. This time of year, it means the child lying in the hammock under the jacaranda tree, rocking herself idly with the help of one big toe. It is her father dozing on the worn sofa, surrounded by a heap of unread Sunday papers. It is her big sister walking barefoot along the beach, following the lacy edge of the tide as it comes in.

Numerous writers, artists, poets and musicians have testified to the virtues of such idleness in their own creative lives. It was when he was completely alone, Mozart wrote in a letter, "say traveling in a carriage, or walking after a good meal, or during the night when (he) could not sleep," that his ideas flowed best and most abundantly.

The short story writer Grace Paley also spoke up in praise of idleness. "I have a basic indolence about me which is essential to writing," she said in an interview. "It really is. Kids now call it space around you. It's thinking time, it's hanging-out time, it's daydreaming time. You know, it's lie-around-the-bed time, it's sitting-like-a-dope-in-your-chair time. And that seems to me essential to my work."

ister and find out the new rules and regulations from the Mayor's Office, just like the other thousands of people who love their dogs too. There were ads, flyers, and a whole bunch of promotion about the dog tagging.

On that day, the business shows that it opens at 9am and the victim was at the establishment at 9:15am. Yeah, there were signs, but if it's time for business, shouldn't the dogs be removed for business beforehand? The victim went to check if they're open or not, and she got bitten. Shouldn't there be a sign in front of the establishment noting that business operations will open at a different time, not behind the dog.

This victim is not the only one who has been bitten. There are a whole bunch of other victims that have been bitten by these vicious two dogs. It was also very unfortunate for DPS staff Richard Santos, who was also attacked while doing his duty. Not once did they apologize during the scene. Let's make the community safer for our children. And be careful, as you might be next.

Michael Kim
San Antonio, Saipan

By JOHN DELROSARIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

DelRosario is a regular contributor to the Saipan Tribune's Opinion Section.



It's what keeps them dependent and poor. On the other hand, because the U.S. government never signed a treaty with the Lumbees, they aren't so "special" in its eyes. That left them mostly free.

Freedom lets them prosper.

Please understand that half of your private land is in limbo. Would you allow the local government to confiscate it, turn it into a land banking system for future purposes, i.e., homestead on land that belongs to you? Or would you agree that it be given away for commercial purposes? Is this why proponents of Article 12 wanted their collectivist or redistributionist agenda kept intact so they could continue controlling landowners on the fate of their properties?

Yes, culture is what makes possible, on a high level, the rich social life that constitutes a people, their customs, styles, tastes, festivals, rituals, gods—all that binds individuals into a group with roots. A culture is a work of art, of which the fine arts are the sublime expression.

Upon our land was born a small agrarian community of the Moros who cleared, plowed and toiled the soil to provide for family sustenance. In short, our ancestors were farmers and fishermen too. It is in both venues where they work daily to meet family dietary needs. And so for centuries, it is upon the land that was established a culture known as farming. This traditional lifestyle changed into what is now a money economy. It is through tradition that "core values" are established and passed on from father to son/mother to daughter, like name or property, and become a way of life that is both virtuous and enduring.

One of the core values found in the local tradition is full and complete ownership and disposition of private land. They have been that way for centuries. It's a lasting and time-honored tradition that must be retained and strengthened by repealing Article 12!

By CHRISTIAN MCEWEN
Los Angeles Times

Christian McEwen is the author of World Enough & Time: On Creativity and Slowing Down and wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.



Such testimony is not just plain good sense; it is good science too. In a recent article in Discover magazine, the journalist Stephen Johnson reported on a conversation with neuroscientist Antonio Damasio. The cognitive part of our brain works very fast, Damasio explained. "So you can do a lot of reasoning, a lot of recognition of objects, remembering names in just a few hundredths of a second." But the emotional part of our brains works very differently, and there is precious little evidence that this is going to change. Tasks that have to do with empathy and imagination, with slow-growing qualities like love and fidelity and ethics, will continue to develop in their own sweet time.

Creativity sometimes seems to be given to us, when rhythm and image fly together: a red kite dancing in a clear blue sky. But such transcendence presupposes other times, too often seen as lost or wasted. When Dorothy Allison was working on her novel "Cavedweller," she listened to the same piece of country music over and over, swaddling herself in its sound. James Baldwin apprenticed himself to Bessie Smith. Sylvia Plath took a surprising number of baths. Balzac slept till midnight, then dressed himself in a white monk's habit and wrote till midnight, fueled by fierce black coffee, for as much as 15 hours at a stretch. Pablo Neruda liked to spend part of each day working in his garden. When Alice Walker came to write "The Color Purple," she left Brooklyn and retreated to the country, sewing quilts and listening to the trees.

Coffee, yardwork, music, silence: the specific details are unimportant. What matters is that one honor and protect one's idleness, one's own dreamy, creative/uncreative time. "Creative work needs solitude," writes the poet Mary Oliver. "It needs the whole sky to fly in, and no eye watching till it comes to that certainty which it aspires to. ... Privacy, then. A place apart—to pace, chew pencils, to scribble and erase and scribble again."

Letter to the Editor

You might be next

Is human life more important than a dog's? You choose. I personally believe that Deputy Director Ray Lizama and Dr. Tudor did their jobs very professionally and I would like to personally thank them for doing their jobs and making our community safer.






I've been hearing all these negative comments about the dog incident. Here is my question to the community: If you or your immediate family or child is bitten, would you take things into your own hands? Defend your family? Have that dog taken? How about if that vicious dog is on the loose and is biting everyone, how would you feel? Safer? Traumatized?

On the business establishment of Mrs. Walker, is it even her business or is it someone else's? The shop owner says it was their dog during the incident; now he's saying it is Mrs. Walker's and Manny Alvarez's dog. Now the issue is bigger. Who's the real dog owner? If she really loved her dog, then why didn't she reg-

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Mostly cloudy and windy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 45 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. South winds 20 to 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 78
Palau	Rain	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Rain	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 72
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 77
Majuro	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 77

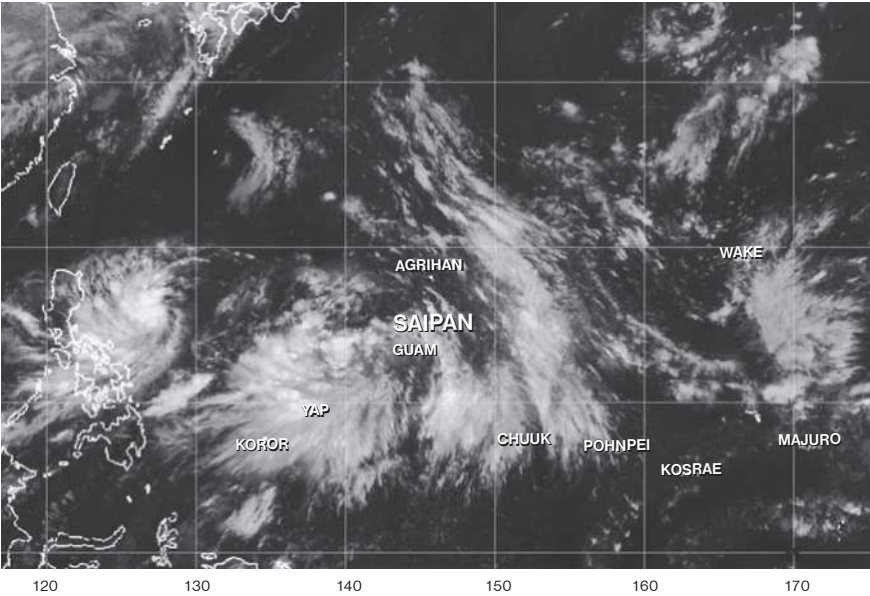
Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 59 ▼ 51
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 68
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 82
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 76
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69 ▼ 57
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 80
Melbourne	Sunny	▲ 70 ▼ 53
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 80
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 63
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 91 ▼ 77
Paris	Showers	▲ 75 ▼ 58
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 78 ▼ 72
Rome	Sunny	▲ 96 ▼ 72
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 62
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73 ▼ 58
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 81 ▼ 68
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 67

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
1:44 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet	
9:39 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet	
5:11 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet	
9:50 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends from 15N130E to a circulation near 23N139E to 12N148E. Low-level convergence south of the trough is producing an area of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over and north of Palau and Yap between 7N and 15N from 133E to 143E. More scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the trough is located southeast of Guam between 7N and 12N from 146E to 152E and 50 miles either side of a line that extends from 15N145E to 12N148E. Convergence east of the trough is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms 150 miles west and east of a line that stretches from 25N148E to 8N155E. A surface trough is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southeast of Wake Island between 10N and 17N from 167E to 174E. Another trough is producing a small area of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Majuro between 8N and 11N from 174E to 177E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:04 AM	6:35 PM
Thursday	6:04 AM	6:35 PM
Friday	6:04 AM	6:34 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:33 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:33 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:59 AM	2:20 PM
Thursday	1:54 AM	3:12 PM
Friday	2:51 AM	4:03 PM
Saturday	3:50 AM	4:52 PM
Sunday	4:50 AM	5:39 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM) C09317 4:25am 5:15am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 C09315 4:25am 6:00am 1, 5 via ROP C09313 7:55am 8:45am 3, 6 C09313 8:30am 9:20am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 5K386 5:50pm 6:40pm 4 C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily	GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN C09314 2:20am 3:55am 1, 5 via ROP C09316 2:45am 3:35am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 5K387 6:30am 7:20am 3, 4, 7 C09596 6:35am 7:25am 3, 6 C09596 7:00am 7:50am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 C09600 10:05am 10:55am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily
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SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX) OZ119 4:00am 6:40am Daily	OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN OZ120 9:50pm 2:20am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) DL287 6:05am 8:45am Daily DL297 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily	NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily DL288 8:05pm 12:45am+1 Daily
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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 1750	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 1020	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily				
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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Business

Getting Libyan oil back to market could take years

NEW YORK (AP)—It could be a year or more before Libya produces enough oil to start exporting it in large amounts again. But once the oil starts flowing, it should bring the price of gasoline down even further.

International oil prices fell Monday because of the prospect that those shipments will hit the market again.

The shipments stopped six months ago as the rebellion in Libya raged. The conflict damaged pipelines and fields and forced out foreign oil engineers who once helped the nation export 1.5 million barrels of oil every day.

Before the country can begin producing oil in large amounts again, security must be re-established, a new government must be formed, the United Nations must lift international sanctions, and damage to oil fields and pipelines must be repaired.

The prices of crude oil and gasoline were already falling



In this Aug. 19, 2011 file photo, a Libyan worker chats with two rebels in a vehicle who patrol an oil refinery controlled by the anti Gadhafi forces on the western outskirts of Zawiyah city, Libya.

sharply because of concerns that the slowing global economy will slow demand from drivers and businesses.

Gas has fallen 41 cents, to \$3.57 a gallon, from its peak this year of \$3.98 on May 5. It could fall as low as \$3.25 by

the middle of September, experts say.

The ouster of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi would

clear the way for a new government and a return to oil production. But bringing Libyan oil production back to levels that will make a difference will take months if not years, experts say.

"This isn't going to lead to an overnight restart of Libyan oil exports," says Jim Burkhard, managing director for global oil at IHS CERA, an industry research group.

In the meantime, Burkhard says, the world's teetering economy will drive prices.

Since February, the loss of Libyan oil had driven up the price of Brent crude, which is traded in London. Brent crude is used to price much of the oil produced and sold abroad and sold to refineries on the U.S. East Coast.

On Monday, Brent crude fell 26 cents to \$108.36 per barrel. It fell much further earlier in the day but rose as it became clear that it would take months for Libya to have an impact.

The price of U.S. benchmark

oil, known as West Texas Intermediate, rose \$1.86 to \$84.12. Traders who play the international oil markets, anticipating that the price of Brent crude would keep falling, wanted more U.S. oil.

West Texas Intermediate is trading at about the same price as when the Libyan uprising began. It rose as high as \$113.93 in April and fell as low as \$79.30 in August.

Libya sits on the largest oil reserves in Africa. Before the uprising, it was the world's 12th-largest exporter, mostly to Europe. Libyan exports were all but shut off in February as the unrest intensified and international oil companies evacuated workers.

Shokri Ghanem, the former chairman of Libya's National Oil Company, said Libya could start producing oil within three to four months, according to Platts, an energy information service. Ghanem said it could take two years to restore production to pre-uprising levels.

NY prosecutors: Dismiss Strauss-Kahn sex charges

NEW YORK (AP)—Prosecutors sought on Monday to dismiss the criminal charges in a sexual-assault case against former International Monetary Fund leader Dominique Strauss-Kahn, saying persistent lying by the hotel maid who accused him of trying to rape her in his posh suite made it impossible for them to determine what really happened.

In a 25-page court document, Manhattan prosecutors described the lies and inconsistencies they said had shattered the housekeeper's credibility, delved into DNA evidence they said showed sexual contact but not neces-

sarily a forced encounter and discussed why they saw medical findings as inconclusive.

They said they "simply no longer have confidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty."

With that, the district attorney's office asked a judge to put an end to a case that created a cross-continental sensation. A formal dismissal is expected at Strauss-Kahn's court date Tuesday, though the maid, Nafissatou Diallo, is asking the judge to boot the DA's office off the case and put it on hold until a special prosecutor can be appointed.

Still, if the criminal case is dismissed, efforts to shed light on

what transpired in Strauss-Kahn's suite at the Sofitel hotel are bound to continue in another court: the Bronx civil court handling Diallo's lawsuit against him.

Echoing and expanding on concerns prosecutors had raised previously, they said in court papers Diallo repeatedly lied to investigators and grand jurors about her life, her past and her actions following her encounter with the French diplomat.

She gave three versions of what she did right after when she says she was attacked and established a troubling ability to present "fiction as fact with complete conviction" by telling a phony tale of a previous rape,

prosecutors wrote. She also was evasive about nearly \$60,000 that other people had moved through her bank account and insisted she had no interest in getting money from Strauss-Kahn—once telling prosecutors no one could "buy" her—only to sue him within three months, they said.

"In virtually every substantive interview with prosecutors, despite entreaties to simply be truthful, she has not been truthful on matters great and small," they wrote. "... Our grave concerns about (Diallo's) reliability make it impossible to resolve the question of what exactly happened."

Back-to-school can mean vaccines for tweens, teens

WASHINGTON (AP)—Backpack. Notebooks. Whooping cough shot?

If you haven't worried about back-to-school shots since your tween or teen was entering kindergarten, better put vaccines on the to-do list.

Older kids need a few new immunizations starting at age 11, including a shot to guard against the worrisome resurgence of whooping cough. And for the first time this year, 16-year-olds are supposed to get a booster shot, too, for a scary type of meningitis.

Aside from an annual flu vaccine, here are federal recommendations for preteens and teens:

■ A Tdap shot between ages 11 and 12. It protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis or whooping cough—and the latter is key as the cough that's so strong it can break a rib is on the rise.

Young children get vaccinated before kindergarten but that protection wears off, and pertussis outbreaks in middle or high school no longer are rare. While older kids usually recover, whooping cough can cause weeks of misery—and worse, they can easily spread the bacterial infection to not-yet-vaccinated infants, who can die.

■ A first dose of what's called

meningococcal conjugate vaccine between ages 11 and 12, with a booster dose at 16.

This fast-moving bacteria can cause meningitis or a bloodstream infection. It's fortunately rare, causing fewer than 2,000 cases a year. But it can be so aggressive that someone can feel fine one day and be dead the next—and its main targets are adolescents and college freshmen. Why? That's not clear, but about 10 percent of the population carries the germ harmlessly in their noses and throats. Carriers tend to spread it by coughing, kissing and sharing drinking glasses, especially in crowded conditions like

dormitories.

Infection initially mimics a stomach bug, with fever and vomiting. Up to 15 percent of patients die. One in five survivors suffers permanent disabilities including brain damage, deafness or amputated limbs.

■ Finally for girls ages 11 to 12, there's the HPV vaccine for strains of human papillomavirus that can cause cervical cancer. The idea is to start the three doses needed early enough to be fully vaccinated well before the girl becomes sexually active. But in 2009, only 27 percent of girls ages 13 to 17 had gotten all three doses.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Stocks inch higher, shaking off 4 weeks of losses

NEW YORK (AP)—It was another day of big swings in the Dow Jones industrial average, but at least Monday ended with a modest gain. The Dow soared 200 points in the morning, an encouraging start after four weeks of losses. By noon that gain shriveled to just 2 points, then came a rise of another 100 in the afternoon. At the end of the day, the Dow closed up 37 points. Compared with the even wilder fluctuations over the past two weeks, Monday's trading looked relatively calm. The Dow has gained or lost at least 200 points eight days in August, including a 419-point plunge last Thursday. A flare-up of Europe's debt crisis and fears of a new U.S. recession have shaken investors, taking the Dow down 15 percent in one month.

Reports: Head of rating agency S&P stepping down

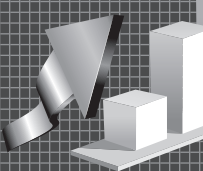
NEW YORK (AP)—The president of Standard & Poor's is stepping down, a decision coming only weeks after the rating agency's unprecedented move to strip the United States

of its AAA credit rating, according to reports published Monday. The Financial Times and The Wall Street Journal reported that Devin Sharma will stay on as an adviser to S&P's parent company, McGraw-Hill Cos., until the end of the year. They said S&P plans to make an official announcement Tuesday before the U.S. financial markets open.

Goldman falls on news that CEO hired top lawyer

NEW YORK (AP)—Goldman Sachs shares fell sharply Monday following news that its CEO, Lloyd Blankfein, has hired a top Washington defense lawyer. Blankfein and other top executives at Goldman Sachs Group Inc. are facing inquiries from the Justice Department and other agencies on the firm's practices leading up to the financial crisis. Goldman confirmed a report from Reuters that Blankfein has retained Reid Weingarten from the law firm Steptoe & Johnson LLP. Weingarten is known to have represented top corporate executives who have been charged with wrongdoing including former WorldCom chief Bernard Ebbers.

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LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
10,854.70	1,123.82	2,345.38
37.00	0.29	3.54
0.34%	0.03%	0.15%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms	Australian Dollar	0.9555	Indian Rupee	45.7150	Singapore Dollar	1.2062
	British Pound	0.6068	Indonesian Rupiah	8,547.50	South Korean Won	1,084.845
	Canadian Dollar	0.9883	Japanese Yen	76.8300	Swiss Franc	0.7884
	Chinese Yuan	6.3960	Malaysian Ringgit	2.9676	Taiwan Dollar	29.0095
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Nation

Hospitals are giving faster heart care, study says

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
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In a spectacular turnabout, hospitals are treating almost all major heart attack patients within the recommended 90 minutes of arrival, a new study finds. Just five years ago, less than half of them got their clogged arteries opened that fast.

The time it took to treat such patients plunged from a median of 96 minutes in 2005 to only 64 minutes last year, researchers found.

Some hospitals are moving at warp speed: Linda Tisch was treated in a mere 16 minutes after she was stricken while visiting relatives near Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut this month. Emergency responders called ahead to mobilize a team of heart specialists.

Once she arrived, "they had a brief conversation and I went straight into the OR. My family was absolutely flabbergasted," said Tisch, 58, who went home to Westerly, R.I., two days later.

Tisch wasn't a fluke. The hospital took 26 minutes on another case on Thursday.

"Americans who have heart attacks can now be confident that they're going to be treated rapidly in virtually every hospital of the country," said Yale cardiologist Dr. Harlan Krumholz. He led the study, published online Monday by an American Heart Association journal, *Circulation*.

What is remarkable about this improvement, Krumholz said, is



In this photo taken Aug. 19, 2011, Linda Tisch poses in her back yard at her home in Westerly, R.I.

that it occurred without money incentives or threat of punishment. Instead, the government and a host of private groups led research on how to shorten treatment times and started campaigns to persuade hospitals that this was the right thing to do.

"It's amazing and it's very gratifying. I'm surprised that we were able to achieve that type of dramatic improvement" so quickly, said Dr. John Brush, a cardiologist at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va., who helped the American College of Cardiology design its campaign, which involved more than 1,000 hospitals.

Heart attacks are caused by

clogged arteries that prevent enough oxygen and blood from reaching the heart. Each year, about 250,000 people in the United States and more than 3 million worldwide suffer a major one, where a main artery is completely blocked.

The best remedy is angioplasty, in which doctors push a tube through an artery to the clog, inflate a tiny balloon to flatten it, and place a mesh prop called a stent to keep the artery open.

The period from hospital arrival to angioplasty is called "door-to-balloon" time, and guidelines say this should be 90 minutes or less. Any delay means more heart damage, and the risk of dying

goes up 42 percent if care is delayed even half an hour.

Not all hospitals have the capability to do angioplasty around the clock, so part of the effort to speed care involved setting rules for who has to be consulted before deciding to do the procedure.

The study involved more than 300,000 patients who had an emergency angioplasty at hospitals that get Medicare reimbursements. The researchers looked at records from 2005, just before campaigns to shorten treatment times were launched, through September 2010.

Only 44 percent were treated in the recommended time in 2005,

but by last year it was 91 percent.

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services paid for the study.

"It's not an exaggeration to say that care of heart attacks in

the United States has been transformed by this improvement," said Dr. Christopher Granger, a Duke University Medical Center cardiologist who led a Heart Association program to improve care.

Doctor says he was surprised to find penile cancer in patient

SHELBYVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A Kentucky doctor said Monday that he saved a truck driver's life when he amputated part of the man's penis after discovering a rare and deadly cancer, but the man told a jury he wanted to escape from the hospital when he learned it was removed without his knowledge.

The truck driver, Phillip Seaton, 64, of Waddy, is suing Dr. John Patterson, who performed the 2007 surgery that was initially meant to be a simple circumcision to relieve inflammation.

"What I saw was not a penis. What I saw was cancer," Patterson, a Frankfort urologist, testified in Shelby County Circuit Court.

Patterson said he removed less than an inch of Seaton's penis. The rest of the penis was amputated by another doctor later, said Patterson's lawyer, Clay Robinson.

Seaton's wife, Deborah, is also a plaintiff in the suit, which seeks unspecified damages for "loss of service, love and affection."

In earlier testimony, Phillip Seaton described the moments after being told part of his penis had been removed.

"I pulled the dressing down, and I didn't see nothing," Seaton said under questioning by his attorney, Kevin George. "Then I came out of the restroom and I said, 'I'm getting the hell out of this damn hospital.'"

Patterson testified the cancer prevented him from inserting a catheter into Seaton's urethra, and he was concerned about the possibility of kidney damage from urinary retention. Although Deborah Seaton was in the hospital waiting room, the doctor said he did not consult her because she had not accompanied her husband to office visits or into the pre-operation area, which he thought was unusual.

"My impression was she would not be someone I would ask what he would want," Patterson testified.

Deborah Seaton testified that if the doctor had consulted her after finding the cancer, she would have advised him to halt the surgery and wake up her husband.

"It's his body," she said. "He should have a say in it."

Phillip Seaton had earlier testified about his emotional state since the surgery, saying he was a "bad case."



In this Aug. 18, 2011 photo, Phillip Seaton of Waddy, Ky., center, stands to leave court with his attorney Kevin George and wife Deborah after jury selection in their case against Dr. John Patterson, of Louisville, at the Shelby County Courthouse in Shelbyville, Ky.

NY senators ask Libya to imprison Lockerbie bomber

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—The state's U.S. senators have asked the Libyan transitional government to hold the convicted Lockerbie, Scotland, plane bomber fully accountable for his terrorist actions.

Abdel Baset al-Megrahi was convicted and imprisoned in Scotland for the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103. The bombing killed 270 people, including 189 Americans; 35 were Syracuse University students returning home for Christmas after studying in Britain.

The Scottish government released al-Megrahi in 2009, believing he'd soon die of cancer. He was greeted as a hero in his

native Libya and met with leader Moammar Gadhafi, whose 42-year rule now teeters on the brink of collapse.

Democratic Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer on Monday called for al-Megrahi to be returned to prison.

"The release of al-Megrahi was a total miscarriage of justice," Gillibrand said in a statement. "Seeing him participate in good health at a pro-Gadhafi rally recently was another slap in the face not just for the families of the Lockerbie victims, but for all Americans and all nations of the world who are committed to bringing terrorists to justice."

Schumer said: "A new Libya can send a strong statement to the world by declaring it will no longer be a haven for this convicted terrorist."

Scottish officials overseeing al-Megrahi's parole said Monday they want to contact him now that the fighting between Libyan forces and rebels has reached Tripoli.

A spokesman for the East Renfrewshire Council near Glasgow said the council wants to reach al-Megrahi soon.

"Obviously the situation has changed in Tripoli since the weekend," council spokesman George Barbour told The Associated Press. "It puts us in a po-

sition where we are looking to make sure that we can contact him in the same way we have over the past two years."

The council keeps tabs on al-Megrahi through regular video link conferences, and Barbour said there has been no breach of his release conditions or cause for concern about his parole.

Al-Megrahi is the only person convicted of the Lockerbie bombing, Britain's worst terrorist attack. His release after serving eight years of a life sentence infuriated the families of many victims, who suspected Britain's real motive was to improve relations with oil-rich Libya.

ACROSS THE NATION

Organ donor confirmed as 7th Ind. State Fair death

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—An Ohio cheerleading coach scheduled to undergo organ donation surgery was confirmed dead Monday from injuries sustained earlier this month when a stage collapsed at the Indiana State Fair. Meagan Toothman, 24, was confirmed Monday af-

ternoon as the seventh person to die from the Aug. 13 stage collapse, according to a statement from the Marion County coroner's office released by the Indiana State Police. It wasn't immediately clear if she had undergone the surgery, which was set for Monday. Calls by The Associated Press to the coroner's office and police were not immediately returned

late Monday night.

Dead baby found at CA home where man shot officer

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP)—A gunman is suspected of killing his baby daughter in his truck, then torching his home, in a dramatic series of events that ended with him critically wounding a police officer be-

fore perishing in the blaze, police said Monday. Kevin Collier, 32, texted friends and family on Sunday that he had killed his daughter and mother-in-law, police spokesman Lt. Mark Coit said. The baby was found inside the truck with a gunshot wound to the head, and authorities were trying to determine whether the girl was Collier's 1-year-old daughter,

Rhilee, Coit said.

Nature hike took scout leader into attacker's path

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—As a 76-year-old scoutmaster led two young charges on a nature hike, they stopped to identify a tree—a pause authorities say put them in the path of a man who emerged from a nearby

home with a 12-inch knife and stabbed the group's leader, leaving him to bleed to death on the trail. The attack Sunday afternoon on the Nickel Plate Trail in Bunker Hill, 60 miles north of Indianapolis, killed Arthur Anderson, a scouting volunteer for 50 years who also mentored young computer whizzes at Kokomo High School and held a patent for an electrical device.

Asia

HK hostages' kin still waiting for Philippine apology

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A year after eight Hong Kong hostages were killed during a botched rescue attempt in Manila, the Philippine justice secretary promised victims' relatives Monday she will relay their demands to the country's president for compensation and an apology.

The relatives and a survivor flew to the Philippines for the anniversary of the Aug. 23 hijacking of a tourist bus and made tearful pleas to the government.

The group included the mother of slain tour guide Masa Tse, who told reporters "the Philippine government has not done anything."

The tourists were hijacked by a dismissed policeman fighting for reinstatement. Hours of unsuccessful negotiations for his surrender turned bloody when he opened fire, prompting police to chaotically storm the bus. He was killed by a police sniper.

Lee Ying Chuen, 37, the only



Lee Mei Chun, from left, mother of the late Masa Tse, the Hong Kong tourist guide who was killed in the botched bus hostage drama in Manila last year, and Lee Ying Chuen, a hostage survivor, prepare to leave following a news conference at a park in Manila, Philippines, Monday Aug. 22, 2011.

survivor to travel back to Manila, said she still feels angry.

"We never received any note, any word of apology from the government of the Philippines," she said.

A Hong Kong inquest earlier this year concluded that Philippine officials contributed to or caused the deaths of the eight tourists. Philippine Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo has said that police fire did not kill any of the hostages.

No one has been charged criminally for lapses in the police operation and only one official has been fired.

Although the government has not directly apologized to the victims, presidential spokesman Edwin Lacierda said it has repeatedly expressed its regret. "How often does one have to apologize?" he told reporters last week.

Lacierda said the Philippine investigation resulted in the filing of administrative charges against four police officials and the creation of a special action force to ensure the safety of tourists.

The relatives' request for a meeting with President Benigno Aquino III was rejected. Justice Secretary Leila de Lima instead met them Monday behind closed doors.

De Lima told reporters afterward that she promised to

relay to Aquino the relatives' demands, including reconsidering filing criminal charges against police and other officials involved.

"We recognize that there are lapses in handling the incident, that's why the government is addressing these gaps," she said.

"We ask for understanding on the part of the survivors, the families and the people of Hong Kong," she added.

She said she was in no position to apologize for the government, but that she will relay that demand to Aquino.

Hong Kong legislator James To, who accompanied the relatives to Manila, said the meeting was useful.

But he said there was still no closure because a number of senior officials have not been punished, a suitable compensation has not been provided and an apology has not been made.

Lawyer Jonathan H.C. Man said the victims' families have not discussed the specific amount of compensation they are seeking, but that it should be based on Hong Kong standards.

Addressing the demand for compensation, Lacierda said that "concerned private citizens" had established a solidarity fund, but that only one victim's family had accepted the money.

Myanmar's president calls for easing tensions

NAYPYITAW, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar's new president told Parliament on Monday that his government is trying to ease tensions with opposition parties and seek better relations with the country's numerous ethnic groups.

In his first speech to Parliament, President Thein Sein did not mention that he had met on Friday with pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who was released from seven years of house arrest in November. Suu Kyi told reporters that she was "happy and satisfied" with the talks.

Thein Sein, who served as prime minister under the previous military junta, is considered a moderate compared to previ-

ous leaders. He took power in March following elections in November that critics said were designed to create a nominally civilian government controlled by the military.

Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party boycotted the elections, saying they were undemocratic.

Thein Sein said his government is trying to "ease the tension" with political groups who "still do not accept the country's constitution."

That charter, which gives the military a continued prominent role in government, was approved in a 2008 referendum and came into effect in January this year.

Myanmar came under mili-

tary rule in 1962 and political dissent was brutally suppressed. Suu Kyi's party swept the last elections in 1990 but was barred from taking power.

Thein Sein also said his government is willing to hold peace talks with armed ethnic groups, and that development of the border areas where they live depends on stability.

Critics have accused Thein Sein of creating a facade of liberalization to prompt Western nations to lift sanctions imposed over the country's political and human rights record.

He also told Parliament his government has officially informed the Association of Southeast Asian Nations that Myanmar is ready to take its

chairmanship in 2014.

In 2006, Myanmar was pressured to give up its turn in ASEAN's rotating chairmanship due to fears of a Western boycott of all of the group's meetings.

Western nations have also been critical of Myanmar taking over the chairmanship in 2014.

"We trust that ASEAN members will gauge whether a potential chair can advance the organization's credibility and leadership role in the region," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said last month.

ASEAN admitted Myanmar in 1997 despite strong opposition from Western nations.

Areas near Japan nuke plant to remain off-limits

TOKYO (AP)—Some residents evacuated from around Japan's stricken nuclear power plant may not be able to return to their homes for "a long time" due to projections that high radiation levels will linger, a top government official said Monday.

The government is considering providing additional support for the evacuees, including long-term housing rather than prefabricated temporary homes that the government currently is building, Cabinet members said over the weekend.

The comments come after a report from the education and science ministry projected that radiation accumulated over one year at 22 monitoring sites within roughly 12 miles (20

kilometers) of the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant would climb above 100 millisieverts, five times higher than the international safety standard of 20 millisieverts per year.

The plant was damaged by a March 11 earthquake and tsunami that knocked out its vital cooling systems, causing meltdowns in three reactor cores that spewed radiation into the air. Some 80,000 people within a 12-mile (20 kilometer) radius of the plant have been evacuated, while several thousand more from outside the zone also relocating.

"We cannot deny a possibility that some of the residents may not be able to return to their homes for a long time in some areas despite our decontami-

nation efforts," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano said at a regular news conference. "We are very sorry."

Prime Minister Naoto Kan said he may travel north to the affected area this weekend to meet with local officials and residents to discuss further steps the government may take.

The government's plan to bring the troubled plant to a cold, stable shutdown by January had boosted hopes among evacuees that they might be able to return to their homes soon after that. The latest projections seem to indicate that won't be possible for some.

A site in the town of Okuma, less than 2 miles (3 kilometers) southwest of the nuclear complex, was expected to ac-

cumulate 508 millisieverts over a year, the highest amount the report showed.

Radiation specialists say doses of that size raise cancer risks. Evidence is less clear on smaller amounts, but in theory, any increased radiation exposure raises the risk of cancer.

While the amount of radiation leaking from the plant has dropped sharply since early in the crisis, radioactive particles that have accumulated on buildings, trees and in the soil since the accident pose health risks.

Edano said the government has not decided which areas would be off-limits for the long term. Officials planned to make a decision based on monitoring results and the progress of ongoing decontamination efforts.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippines takes delivery of ex-US warship

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines has taken delivery of a decommissioned U.S. Coast Guard cutter as part of a drive to modernize its navy amid tensions with China. Although 46 years old, the 3,390-ton warship is the most capable in the Philippine navy that is mostly made up of aging World War II vessels. The current flagship, a former American destroyer, is among the oldest active warships in the world. President Benigno Aquino III toured the ship in Manila Bay on Tuesday. The U.S. has promised to help the Philippines modernize its fleet amid recent tensions with China over the disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea.

Criticism grows against Indian anti-graft activist

NEW DELHI (AP)—Criticism mounted Monday against an Indian activist's hunger strike, with public figures saying it threatens democracy and verges on demagoguery, even as thousands crowded his protest demanding stronger anti-corruption legislation. Prime

Minister Manmohan Singh—whose government has been beset by scandal—appeared to dismiss Anna Hazare's demands, saying "there is no magic wand that can solve the problem in one stroke." But the diminutive 73-year-old Hazare remained undaunted. Encouraged by TV cameras and thousands of chanting supporters, he has vowed to fast indefinitely until authorities pass his version of a bill—instead of the government's draft—creating a powerful anti-corruption watchdog.

Earthquake hits waters off Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—A magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck off the coast of Indonesia's Sumatra island early Tuesday morning, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. No tsunami alert was immediately issued and there were no reports of damage or casualties. The quake, which hit at 3:12 a.m. local time (2012 GMT), was centered about 110 miles (175 kilometers) southwest of Tanjungkarang-Telukbetung on the island of Sumatra, according to the U.S.G.S. Its recorded depth was 19 miles (31 kilometers).

World

Gadhafi son resurfaces, free and vowing to fight

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TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—The son and heir apparent of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, Seif al-Islam, resurfaced free and defiant early Tuesday a day after rebels claimed to have captured him, boasting in a bizarre reappearance that his father's loyalists still control parts of Tripoli and would crush the rebellion.

Seif al-Islam's sudden—even surreal—arrival at a Tripoli hotel where foreign journalists are staying threw the situation in the capital into confusion. It underlined the potential for Gadhafi, whose whereabouts remain unknown, to lash back even as his grip on power seemed to be slipping fast.

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UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged forces loyal to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi on Monday to stop fighting immediately and make way for “a smooth transition” that ensures a free and democratic future for the country.

The U.N. chief told reporters it is important that the conflict ends with no further loss of life and without retribution. He did not specifically call for Gadhafi to step down.

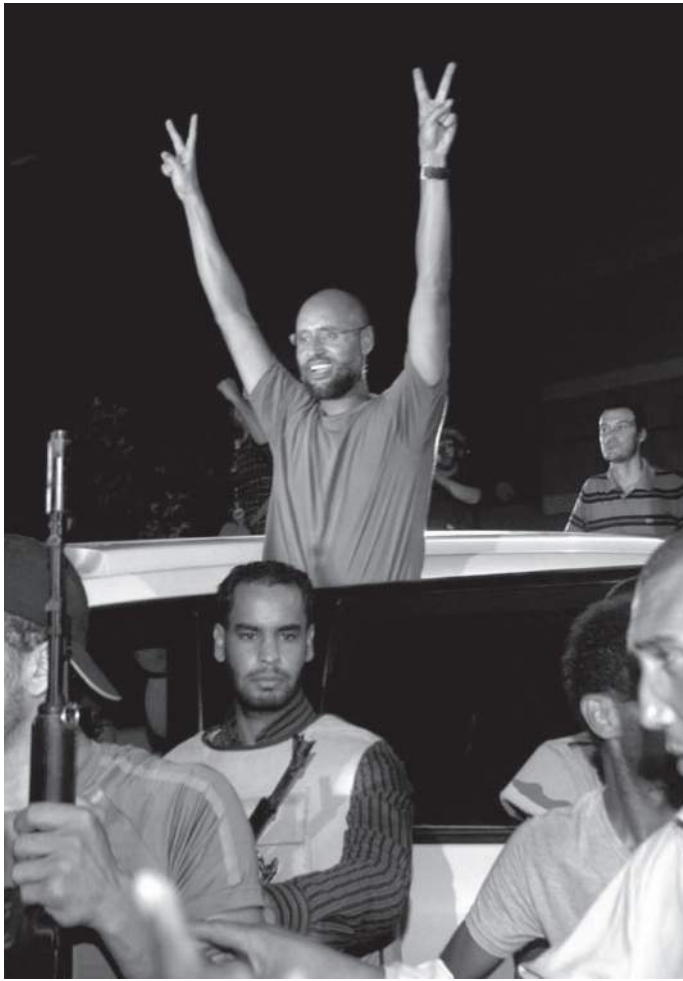
Ban welcomed assurances from rebel leader Mustafa Abdel-Jalil that “extreme care” will be taken to protect civilians and public institutions, and maintain law and order.

Ban announced that he will hold a meeting on Libya later this week with heads of major organizations, including the Arab League, African Union, Organization of Islamic Cooperation and European Union.

He said the U.N. stands ready to extend “all possible assistance” to the Libyan people once the fighting ends.

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Rebels say they control the large majority of Tripoli, but on Monday they were still fighting pockets of fierce resistance from regime loyalists firing mortars and anti-aircraft guns. Rebel spokesman Mohammed Abdel-Rahman, who was in Tripoli, said the “danger is still there” as long as the elder Gadhafi remains on the run. He warned that pro-Gadhafi brigades are



Moammar Gadhafi's son, Seif al-Islam waves to troops loyal to his father in Tripoli, Libya, Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011. AP

positioned on Tripoli's outskirts and could “be in the middle of the city in half an hour.”

The rebel leadership seemed stunned that Seif al-Islam was free. The leadership's spokesman, Sadeq al-Kabir, had no explanation and could only say, “This could be all lies.”

He could not confirm whether Seif al-Islam escaped rebel custody, but he did say that another captured Gadhafi son, Mohammed, had escaped the home arrest that rebels had placed him in a day earlier. On Monday, the rebels had said Seif al-Islam was captured, but did not give details on where he was held. The Netherlands-based International Criminal Court—which indicted Seif al-Islam and his father—had confirmed his capture.

Seif al-Islam, with a full beard and wearing an olive-green T-shirt and camouflage trousers, turned up early Tuesday morning at the Rixos hotel, where about 30 foreign journalists are staying in Tripoli under the close watch of regime minders.

Riding in a white limousine amid a convoy of armored SUVs, he took reporters on a

drive through parts of the city still under the regime's control, saying, “We are going to hit the hottest spots in Tripoli.” Associated Press reporters were among the journalists who saw him and

went on the tour.

The tour covered mainly the area that was known to still be under the regime's control—the district around the Rixos hotel and nearby Bab al-Aziziya, Gadhafi's residential compound and military barracks. The tour went through streets full of armed Gadhafi backers, controlled by roadblocks, and into the Gadhafi stronghold neighborhood Bu Slim.

At Bab al-Aziziya, at least a hundred men were waiting in lines for guns being distributed to volunteers to defend the regime. Seif al-Islam shook hands with supporters, beaming and flashing the “V for victory” sign.

“We are here. This is our country. This is our people, and we live here, and we die here,” he told AP Television News. “And we are going to win, because the people are with us. That's why we are going to win. Look at them—look at them, in the streets, everywhere!”

When asked about the ICC's claim that he was arrested by rebels, he told reporters: “The ICC can go to hell,” and added “We are going to break the backbone of the rebels.”

In Benghazi, the de facto rebel capital hundreds of miles east of Tripoli, the head of the rebel National Transitional Council said the rebels have no idea where Gadhafi is or whether he

is even in Tripoli.

“The real moment of victory is when Gadhafi is captured,” Mustafa Abdel-Jalil said. An Obama administration official said the U.S. had no indication that Gadhafi had left Libya.

President Barack Obama said the situation in Libya reached a tipping point in recent days after a five month NATO-led bombing campaign. However, he acknowledged that the situation remained fluid and that elements of the regime remained a threat.

The Obama administration official said the U.S. believes 90 percent of the capital is under rebel control, while regime loyalists still control Sirte and the southern city of Sebha. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly.

Gadhafi's forces remained active, firing off a short-range Scud missile Monday near Sirte, Gadhafi's hometown and one of the few remaining cities still under his control, said U.S. military officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss military operations. It was unclear where the missile landed or if anyone was hurt.

It was only the second Scud missile fired during this year's conflict. On Aug. 15, Libyan government forces launched one near Sirte that landed in the desert outside Brega, injuring no one.

NATO vowed to keep up its air campaign until all pro-Gadhafi forces surrender or return to their barracks. The alliance's warplanes have hit at least 40 targets in and around Tripoli in the past two days—the highest number on a single geographic location since the bombing started in March, NATO said.

A day after the rebels rode into the city of 2 million, the situation remained volatile. Even though rebels claimed they were in control of most of Tripoli, they still appeared to be on the defensive, ducking for cover during frequent clashes with regime fighters. Stores were shuttered and large areas were lifeless, including the old gold market, in the past a draw for tourists.

Throughout the day, the rebels sent reinforcements to the city from the north, south and southeast, and a rebel field commander said more than 4,000 fighters were part of the final push to bring down the regime. Rebels manned checkpoints on the western approaches to the city Monday, handing out candy to motorists and inquiring about their destinations.

Intense gun battles erupted throughout the day. At Bab al-Aziziya compound, government tanks emerged from the complex and opened fire at rebels trying to get in, according to the rebel spokesman Abdel-Rahman and a neighbor.

Around midday Monday, rebel fighters took over a women's police college near the Mediterranean and declared that they would set up their new headquarters there.

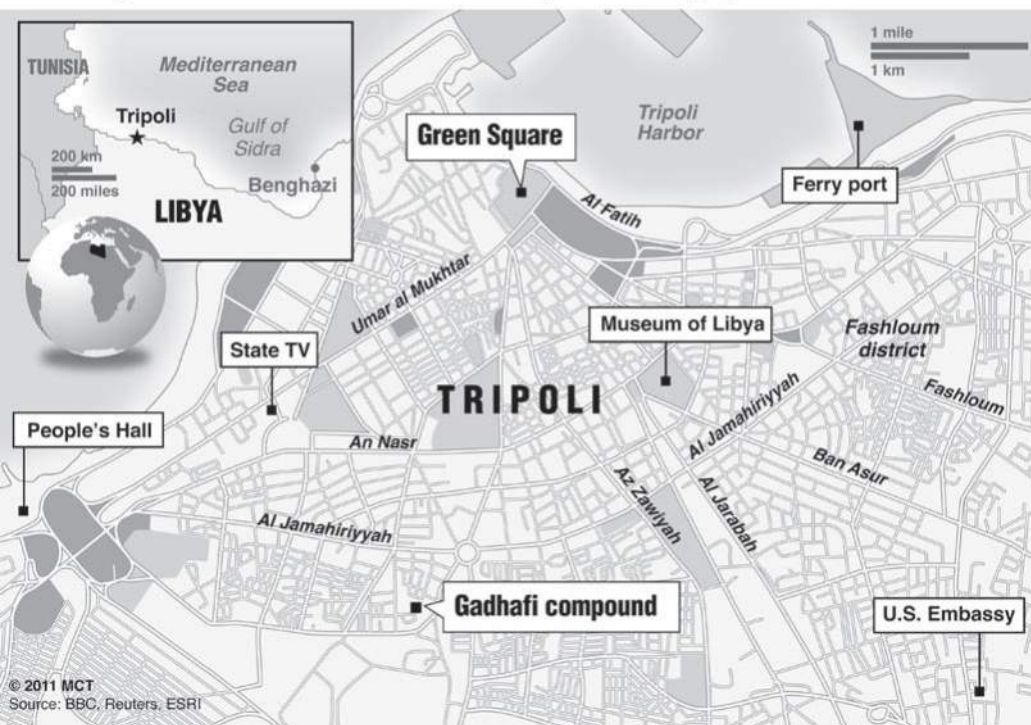
“We are going to protect the city of Tripoli from all attacks and threats,” fighter Munir al-Ayan said after kneeling and kissing the ground in the compound.

“I was bowing down to the Almighty God who helped us get rid of this brutal dictator,” he later explained.

But the rebels' optimistic mood of the morning quickly changed. By mid-afternoon, the college came under heavy fire. Snipers from nearby high-rises aimed at motorists speeding by. An anti-aircraft gun pounded the compound, creating a deafening noise. A handful of rebel fighters inside seemed jumpy and unsure what to do.

Rebels flood into Tripoli

Opposition forces entered the Libyan capital, taking over Moammar Gadhafi's Green Square stronghold for a time and arresting three of Gadhafi's sons. The search for the Libyan leader is ongoing.



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WORLD BRIEFS

Syrians taunt Assad, saying regime next to unravel

BEIRUT (AP)—Taking inspiration from the rapid unraveling of the regime in Libya, thousands of Syrians poured into the streets Monday and taunted President Bashar Assad with shouts that his family's 40-year dynasty will be the next

dictatorship to crumble. Assad, who has tried in vain to crush the 5-month-old revolt, appears increasingly out of touch as he refuses to acknowledge the hundreds of thousands of people demanding his ouster, analysts say. Instead, he blames the unrest on Islamic extremists and thugs. But many observers say Assad should heed the les-

sons of Libya.

Powerful Hurricane Irene heads toward Bahamas, US

NAGUA, Dominican Republic (AP)—Powerful Hurricane Irene cut a destructive path through the Caribbean on Monday, raking Puerto Rico with strong winds and rain and then spinning just

north of the Dominican Republic on a track that could carry it to the U.S. Southeast by the end of the week. Irene grew into a Category 2 hurricane with winds of 100 mph (155 kph) late Monday and the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said it could be a monstrous Category 3 storm when it passes over the Bahamas and slams into the United States,

possibly landing in South Carolina, Florida or Georgia.

Gaza militants renew rocket fire despite truce

JERUSALEM (AP)—Palestinian militants in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip launched rockets and mortar shells into southern Israel Monday, despite an unoffi-

cial truce meant to defuse escalating exchanges of rocket fire and Israeli airstrikes. Around midday, a group that had held out from joining the cease-fire announced it would comply. Even so, Palestinians launched two rockets into Israel a few hours later, the military said. They caused no injuries but damaged property and set a fire to a field.

Focus

DISKO ISLAND, Greenland (AP)—The old hunter was troubled by the foreigners encroaching on his Inuit people's frozen lands. "The Inuit say that they are going to heat the 'siku' (the sea ice) to make it melt. There will be almost no more winter," the elder says of the southerners in Jean Malaurie's "Last Kings of Thule," the French explorer's classic account of a year in the Arctic.

The year was 1951. A lifetime later, another Inuit hunter looks out at Disko Bay from this island's rocky fringe and remembers driving his dogsled team over the solid glitter of the siku all the way to Ilulissat, a town 90 kilometers (50 miles) across the water.

"The ice then was 1 to 2 meters thick," Jakob Jensen, 65, recalled of those winters past.

"Now, it's a few centimeters. It's very thin and you can't go on dogsled."

The winter sea ice that defined Greenland life for millennia is melting, and it's the southerners who did it, as Malaurie's Inuit foretold long before science showed industrial emissions were warming the planet.

The Arctic is warming twice as fast as the rest of the world, and "Greenland is experiencing some of the most severe environmental impacts," social researcher Lene Kielsen Holm concludes in a preliminary report on a north-to-south survey of Greenlanders.

Those impacts are broad and deep.

For a village society whose dogsled-ding ice hunters long supplied it with seal and walrus meat and fish in winter, the "dark months" are now a time of enforced idleness, limited travel and emptier larders. On land, the thawing permafrost underfoot is leaving houses askew and broken. Climate change touches the animals, too: Greenlanders find lean polar bears, unable to stalk seals on sea ice, invading their settlements for food.

And the very sound of Greenland is changing. Where villages once echoed to the howl of huskies, that old call of the wild has been muted. Dispirited hunters up and down the west Greenland coast, unable to feed winter game to their sled dogs, have been shooting them.

The 900 people of Qeqertarsuaq, Disko Island's main town, now have about 300 dogs.

"That's half of what it used to be," said Jensen's neighbor Johan Lindenhann, chairman of the local hunters-fishers association.

Climate change has brought new sounds, too—of oil drilling. Northwest of here, in the open sea of Baffin Bay, Scotland-based Cairn Energy this summer is drilling an exploratory well.

Geologists see good prospects for oil and gas off Greenland's shores, and for valuable mineral deposits onshore, from gold to zinc. The more open waters and more ice-free terrain make the work of finding them easier.

The 56,000 Greenlanders, 89 percent of them Inuit, sense the potential for gain, along with the reality of loss from the warming.

"On the positive side, I can point to emerging economic possibilities, potential income," Anthon Frederiksen, minister for domestic affairs, nature and environment, said in an interview

in Nuuk, seat of this Danish island's self-rule government.

But this son of a hunter added, "Fishing and hunting is our mainstay at present, and we're very concerned about the negative effect this change will have on them."

Here on Disko, an Arctic island the size of Puerto Rico with barely 1,000 inhabitants, the dilemma is clear.

"If they find a lot of oil, it would be a big change and mean jobs for Greenlanders," said Lindenhann, 62. "But I'm afraid of pollution."

A spill, hard to combat in icy, stormy waters, could devastate fragile marine life. "We heard about what happened in the Gulf of Mexico," the old seal-hunting hand said.

People here on the central west coast have relied on that marine life for perhaps

to minus 30C or 40C degrees (-22F or -40F degrees)—has given way to lows of -20C (-4F). Sea ice still forms but one or two months later, in January or even February. And it's too thin and dangerous, and is gone much earlier.

Disko Bay hunters can no longer lay seal nets under the ice in the 24-hour winter darkness. They no longer drive dog teams to shoot the sea mammals at breathing holes, or drop long, many-hooked fishing lines through the ice, or hunt for narwhal and beluga whales that favor the ice edge in the spring.

"It was better 20 years ago when you could see many, many seals and whales closer to the town. They stuck to the ice. With all the seals and whales back then, there was more money," said Nukappi Brandt, 49, a full-time hunter since his teens.

poverty problems and nutrition problems," said researcher Kielsen Holm, whose study was conducted for the transnational Inuit Circumpolar Council and the Greenland Organization of Fishermen and Hunters.

"They're eating more pork and fast food, and there are more and more people with diabetes," she said.

Budgets are also strained by the softening permafrost, which is deforming roads here that townspeople can ill afford to repair. In the far northern village of Qaanaaq, foundations are sinking and heaving under houses, splitting joints.

"You can see it everywhere," Qaanaaq resident David Qujaukitsoq said by mobile phone. "There are holes in the walls, so it's cold in the winter, and some people are abandoning their houses."

eliminate its need for \$600 million in annual subsidies from Denmark, allowing Greenlanders to consider national independence. But Cairn Energy announced Aug. 3 its latest prospect had turned up dry, and it was moving drilling to its West Disko Area, over the horizon from this island's unspoiled shores.

As their seas warm, the oilmen encroach, and the dogs fall silent, many here feel they're sliding headlong into the unknown.

To return to what they knew, Disko Islanders can retreat to the little Qeqertarsuaq Museum facing the harbor, where the walls are hung with dozens of small sketches and watercolors by Jakob Danielsen, an early-20th-century islander who depicted in primitive but precise style his life as a hunter.

In Danielsen's world, under a twilight



In warmer Greenland, shoot the dogs, drill for oil

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In this July 18, 2011 photo, a Inuit fisherman pulls in a fish on a sea filled with floating ice left over from broken-up icebergs shed from the Greenland ice sheet in Ilulissat, Greenland.

AP

5,000 years, prehistoric remains show.

Today, Qeqertarsuaq's neat, peak-roofed wooden houses, in bright red, blue and green, cling to a shelf of rock wedged between the iceberg-dotted sea and the brown basalt cliffs of an island born of volcanos. Far above mossy slopes, atop heights reaching to 1,200 meters (4,000 feet), lies a huge permanent ice cap.

In this remote and beautiful spot, the Danes for more than a century have maintained a small scientific station, a post whose data tell the story of warming.

From 1991 to 2009, Disko Island's mean annual air temperature rose 4.5 degrees C (8.1 degrees F). The permafrost thawed 1 centimeter (0.4 inch) deeper each summer. And the sea-ice season shrank by half.

Older townspeople say the deep-winter cold of decades back—down

Brandt shoots seals from a boat in the warmer months, but that doesn't make up for winter's lost time. Retired hunter Jens Svendsen, 74, explained, "In the dark months the ice is too unstable for the sleds, and it's too dark to navigate by boat." Ice chunks can wreck their small outboards' propellers.

The dwindling supplies of traditional food hit older Inuit most.

"They prefer to eat Greenlandic food every day, and if they can't get it, they have to buy it at the store and it's expensive," said Svendsen's wife, Maaliannuaq, 70.

At Qeqertarsuaq's market, frozen narwhal meat was going for the equivalent of \$78 a kilogram (\$35 a pound). An imported substitute, beef steak, cost \$42 a kilogram (\$19 a pound).

"We may see former hunters and fishermen and their families having

In mastering the planet's harshest environment, the Inuit proved themselves masters of adaptability. But climate is changing too fast, and a once-nomadic people who would pack up and follow their prey are today too tied down.

"We're not as mobile as we used to be," Kielsen Holm said. "You can't change traditions from year to year, and this is how changes are happening."

The important cod fishery, for example, has improved in northern areas but worsened in the south. What will happen next year?

"Climate change is hitting hard on everyday life," Alfred Jakobsen, managing director of the national fishermen-hunters group, said in Nuuk. "They are going through very, very hard times."

The government stakes a lot on offshore oil, since one big strike could

sky in ice-choked waters, the kayaking villager strikes home again with his harpoon to the walrus's heart. The sharp-eyed seal hunter, prone on a frozen sea, takes aim at his distant prey. Fearless dogs surround a white bear as their master raises his gun. And the siku always comes, and stays.

Still sturdy and active at 65, Jakob Jensen, who himself got a polar bear last year, said he hopes what Greenlanders are seeing is a cycle, that the winter sea ice will return.

But he seems to sense it won't, that the sleds will become museum pieces, that driving the dogs 10 hours over the ice to Ilulissat will remain a fading memory.

"The past few years the weather has been changing rapidly," the old hunter said. "It's possible that the traditions will just slip away."

Campus Life

FACTS FOR FEATURES

Back to School: 2011-2012



AP
Joplin High School juniors Ryan Estus, left, and Cole Shepard look over their class schedules at a temporary high school in a converted big-box store in Joplin, Mo. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2011.

By August, summertime will be winding down and vacations will be coming to an end, signaling that back-to-school time is near. It's a time that many children eagerly anticipate—catching up with old friends and making new ones, and settling into a new daily routine. Parents and children alike scan the newspapers and websites looking for sales to shop for a multitude of school supplies and the latest clothing fads and essentials. This edition of *Facts for Features* highlights the many statistics associated with the return to classrooms by our nation's students and teachers.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING

\$7.4 billion: The amount of money spent at family clothing stores in August 2010. Only in November and December were sales significantly higher. Similarly, sales at bookstores in August 2010 totaled \$2.2 billion, an amount approached in 2010 only by sales in January.

For back-to-school shopping, choices of retail establishments abound: In 2008, there were 28,429 family clothing stores, 7,349 children and infants clothing stores, 28,178 shoe stores, 9,373 office supply and stationery stores, 22,116 sporting goods stores, 9,708 bookstores and 8,813 department stores.

STUDENTS

77 million: The number of children and adults enrolled in school throughout the country in October 2009—from nursery school to college.

They comprised 27 percent of the entire population age 3 and older.

PRE-K THROUGH 12 ENROLLMENT

52 percent: Percentage of 3- and

4-year-olds enrolled in school in October 2009.

74 percent: Percentage of children 3 to 6 enrolled in kindergarten who attended all day, as of October 2009.

55.5 million: The projected number of students to be enrolled in the nation's elementary through high schools (pre-kindergarten - 12th grade) this fall.

11 percent: Projected percentage of elementary through high school students (pre-kindergarten - 12th grade) enrolled in private schools this fall.

43 percent: Percentage of elementary through high school students who belonged to a minority population as of October 2009.

23 percent: Percentage of elementary through high school students who had at least one foreign-born parent in October 2009.

Nearly 80 percent: Percentage of students ages 12 to 17 who were academically on-track in 2006, up 8 percentage points from 1998. The odds of being on-track were 48 percent higher for these students if they were in a gifted class and 34 percent higher if they had never been suspended or expelled from school. (Students were considered to be academically on-track if they were enrolled in school at or above the grade level appropriate for their age.)

52 percent: Percentage of 12- to 17-year-olds who were highly engaged in school (children reported as liking school, being interested in school and working hard in school) in 2006, up 5 percentage points from 1998. For 6- to 11-year-olds, the respective increase was from 56 percent to 59 percent.

LANGUAGES

11.2 million: Number of school-age children (5 to 17) who spoke

a language other than English at home in 2009; 8 million of these children spoke Spanish at home.

LUNCHTIME

31.3 million: Average number of children participating each month in the National School Lunch Program in 2009.

9.21 billion: The nation's total apple production, in pounds, in 2010. The chances are good that the apples your children present to their teachers or enjoy for lunch were grown in Washington state, which accounted for more than half of the nation's total production.

COLLEGE

19.7 million: The projected number of students enrolled in the nation's colleges and universities this fall. This is up from 14.4 million 20 years ago.

16 percent: Percentage of all college students 35 and older in October 2009. They made up

37 percent of those attending school part time.

50 percent: Percentage of 18- and 19-year-olds enrolled in college in 2009.

56 percent: Percentage of college students who were women in October 2009.

HOW MANY SCHOOLS?

98,706: Number of public schools in 2008-09. In 2007-08, there were 33,740 private schools.

4,409: Number of degree-granting institutions of higher education in 2008-2009.

4,694: The number of public charter schools nationwide in 2008-09. These schools, exempt from selected state and local rules and regulations, enrolled 1,433,116 students.

TEACHERS AND OTHER SCHOOL PERSONNEL

7.2 million: Number of teachers

in the United States in 2009. Almost 3 million taught at the elementary and middle school level. The remainder included those teaching at the postsecondary, secondary, preschool, kindergarten levels, special education and other teachers or instructors.

\$65,800: Average annual salary of public school teachers in California as of the 2007-2008 school year—the highest of any state.

Teachers in South Dakota received the lowest pay—\$36,700. The national average was \$52,800. High school principals earned \$99,365 annually in 2008-09.

\$16.44: Average hourly wage for the nation's school bus drivers in 2008-09. Custodians earned \$14.59, while cafeteria workers made \$11.94.

TECHNOLOGY

14.2 million: Number of computers available for classroom use in the nation's schools as of the 2005-2006 school year. That works out to one computer for every four students.

RIISING COST OF COLLEGE

\$15,876: Average tuition, room and board (for in-state students) at the nation's four-year public colleges and universities for an academic year (2008-09). That was more than double the cost in 1990.

\$40,633: Average tuition, room and board at the nation's four-year private colleges and universities for one academic year (2008-09). That also was more than double the cost in 1990.

REWARDS OF STAYING IN SCHOOL

\$83,144: Average annual 2008 earnings of workers 18 and older with an advanced degree. This compares with \$21,023 for those without a high school diploma.

In addition, those with a bachelor's degree earned an average of \$58,613 in 2008, while those with a high school diploma earned \$31,283.

\$85,417: Average starting salary offered to bachelor's degree candidates in petroleum engineering in 2009, among the highest of any field of study. At the other end of the spectrum were those majoring in a social science, who were offered an average of \$36,217.

GRADUATION

3.2 million: Projected number of high school diplomas that will be awarded in the 2011-12 school year.

3.4 million: Number of college degrees expected to be conferred in the 2011-12 school year.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

\$10,499: The per-pupil expenditure on public elementary and secondary education nationally in 2009. New York (\$18,126) spent the most among states or state equivalents, followed by the District of Columbia (\$16,408), New Jersey (\$16,271) and Alaska (\$15,552). Utah (\$6,356) spent the least per student, followed by Idaho (\$7,092) and Arizona (\$7,813).

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

89 percent: Among K-12 students, the percentage with a parent or other household member who attended a general school or PTO/PTA meeting during the 2006-07 school year. Additionally, 65 percent had such a relative who participated in school fundraising and 46 percent who volunteered to serve on a school committee.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

CAMPUS BULLETIN

Oleai Elementary parent/guardian orientation set

This is to inform all parents and guardians of returning and new students of Oleai Elementary School that there will be a parent/student orientation on Sept. 1, 2011, and Sept. 2, 2011, at 5:30pm, at the school cafeteria. Parents and guardians should attend any of the two dates. (PR)

Kagman Elementary schedule of activities

- Aug. 29, teachers and staffs report to school, 7:30am-4:30pm.
- Aug. 30, school level PD
- Aug. 31, Parent and guardian student orientation day in the school cafeteria.
- Kindergarten to 3rd Grade, 9-10am
- 4th-6th Grade at 1-2pm
- Sept. 1, school level PD
- Sept. 2, school level PD
- Sept. 5, Labor Day, CNMI legal holiday
- Sept. 6, First day of classes for students, from kindergarten to 6th Grade,
- Kindergarten (AM) session, 8-11am
- Kindergarten (PM) session, 11:45am-2:45pm.
- 1st to 6th Grade, 8am-2:45pm
- Instruction starts at 8am for all elementary schools. Parents and guardians are asked to have their child or children at school before 8am but

not earlier than 7:30am. Bus riders are asked to be at the designated bus stop by 6:55am. Bus pick up time is 7am. (PR)

SVES parent/guardian orientation

The San Vicente Elementary School has scheduled its parent and guardian orientation for school year 2001-2012 for Friday, Sept. 2, from 5pm to 5:30pm in the cafeteria and from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in their respective classrooms. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend. (PR)

GTC Elementary schedule of activities

There will be an orientation for parents/guardians of Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School students tomorrow, Aug. 25, 2011, at 5pm in the school cafeteria to discuss the changes for school year 2011-12.

- Kindergarten orientation: Aug. 23, 2011 at 5pm
- STAR Reading & Math Testing for all new students: Aug. 22 - 26, 2011
- First day of school: Sept. 6, 2011
- Back-to-school Open House for parents and students: Sept. 9, 2011, at 6pm
- School supplies for grades K through 6th are available at the school office and at National Office Supply and Modern Stationary

Enrollment is ongoing. Children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2011. Registration packets are available at the school office. For more information, contact the school at 237-3121/2 or email gloria.nauta@cnmipss.org or charlotte.camacho@cnmipss.org. (PR)

SAES parent orientation schedule

The San Antonio Elementary School will hold its parent orientation on Sept. 6 and 7, according to grade levels. The orientation will be in each respective classroom. All parents are urged to be present to receive important information that will be given out by each classroom teacher. Please be on time.

SEPT. 6
Kinder (AM & PM), 3pm-4pm
4th Grade, 4pm-5pm
5th Grade, 5pm-6pm
6th Grade, 6pm-7pm
SEPT. 7
1st Grade, 4pm-5pm
2nd Grade, 5pm-6pm
3rd Grade, 6pm-7pm

Chacha Jr. High School 7-8 graders orientation on Sept. 2

Chacha Ocean View Jr. High School will be having an orientation for 7th and 8th grade students on Sept. 2, 2011, from 9:30am to 10:30am in the

cafeteria. Call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4100 if you have any question or concerns. (PR)

Kagman High orientation schedule

Kagman High School will be holding an orientation for freshmen and sophomores on Aug. 25, 2011. The freshmen orientation will be from 9am to 10am, while the sophomore orientation will be from 10:30am to 11:30am. The orientation for juniors and seniors will be on Aug. 26, 2011. Juniors will have their orientation from 9am to 10am, while seniors will have theirs from 10:30am to 11:30am. For more information, call the KHS main office at 237-3840. (KHS)

Saipan Southern High orientation

All transfer and new students enrolling at Saipan Southern High School in grades 10, 11, and 12 are required to attend an orientation on Aug. 25, Thursday, 9am-4pm, with their parents or legal guardians. Freshman student orientation on Aug. 26 will be held in two different sessions—from 9am-11am and from 1pm-3pm. Attend only one session with parents or legal guardians. No students will be allowed to attend the orientation without parents or legal guardians in attendance. For more information, call the SSHS principal directly at 237-3702 or the SSHS main office at 664-4000. (SSHS)

Life & Style

Kate Winslet escapes fire at Branson's island home

LONDON (AP)—Guests including Academy Award-winning actress Kate Winslet escaped uninjured when fire destroyed Richard Branson's Caribbean home during a tropical storm Monday, said the British businessman.

The Virgin Group boss said about 20 people, including Winslet and her children, were staying in the eight-bedroom Great House on Necker, his private isle in the British Virgin Islands.

Branson said he was staying in another property around 100 yards (meters) away with his wife, Joan and son Sam, 25.

He said the fire broke out around 4 a.m. during a tropical storm with lightning and high winds, and Sam managed to help evacuate Winslet and other guests from the house.

Tropical Storm Irene walloped the Virgin islands and headed towards Puerto Rico late Sunday and early Monday, strengthening into a hurricane Monday with winds of about 80mph (130 kph), according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center.

Branson said the guests, including his 90-year-old mother and his daughter Holly, 29, all managed to get out safely.



In this image issued Monday Aug. 22, 2011 by Virgin Limited Edition shows British entrepreneur's Sir Richard Branson's luxury home, on Necker Island, in the Caribbean, in flames as a fire which ripped through the luxury home.

"Kate Winslet, her boyfriend and her family were there and Holly and some of her friends were also staying," Branson said. "My mother was there and they managed to get her out and she is fine."

Winslet's spokeswoman, Sara Keene, confirmed the actress was unharmed.

Branson said the house was "completely destroyed" and the fire was not entirely out Monday.

"My office was based in the house and I have lost thousands of photo-

graphs which is very sad," Branson said.

He said he planned to rebuild the house "as soon as we can."

"We'll all stay here for the time being," he said. "There's a lot of damage and we won't be able to stick it back together again right away."

Virgin said the cause of the fire was still being investigated but lightning was the likely culprit.

Branson, 60, bought the island in the early 1980s and began building the Great House in 1982. He also has developed an exclusive eco-resort on the island showcasing renewable energy technology.

Winslet, 35, shot to international stardom with her appearance opposite Leonardo DiCaprio in James Cameron's "Titanic," and sealed her reputation with a best actress Academy Award in 2009 for "The Reader."

She has two children, 10-year-old Mia and Joe, 7, from marriages to directors Jim Threapleton and Sam Mendes.

George Michael reveals separation from Kenny Goss

PRAGUE (AP)—George Michael made an emotional and introspective return to the stage on Monday, admitting mid-performance he'd split with long-term partner Kenny Goss and recalling his own troubled past with drugs.

The 48-year-old singer—appearing at the Prague State Opera House on the opening night of his "Symphonica" tour—told the audience: "Kenny and I haven't been together for two and a half years ... It's time to be honest."

The former Wham! singer had previously denied allegations he and Goss had separated.

"My love life has been a lot more turbulent than I've let on," he said, dedicating a new song "Where I hope you are" to Goss.

"This man has brought me a lot of joy and a lot of pain," he said, his voice breaking up, referring to Goss's alcohol addiction following the death of his parents as well as his own drug habit which landed him in jail last year.

The former Wham! star has scheduled 195 concerts across Europe. In a departure from his traditional style, he is being supported by a symphony orchestra as he sings some of his famous tracks in a more mellow, adapted fashion as well as a selection of covers from his favorite artists.



British singer George Michael performs during his first Symphonica concert at the State Opera House in Prague, Czech Republic, Monday, Aug. 22, 2011.

On Monday, he sang to a sell-out audience at the opulent opera house in Prague, combining tracks like "Kissing a Fool" and "It Really Doesn't Matter" with "My Baby Just Cares For Me" and New Order's "True Faith."

He referred to his troubled past with

cannabis, describing how he once passed out while talking on the phone with singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright while congratulating him on a new song.

"I was puffing and I passed out on the phone," he said, acknowledging dread at the thought he might one day find out how the conversation ended.

In the tour program, he said he deserved to be jailed in 2010 for crashing his car into a photo shop in London. Police found him slumped over the steering wheel, high on drugs.

The singer was sentenced to eight weeks in jail. "I had a bill to pay and I thought that prison was a logical conclusion to a very long, dark chapter," he said.

He said he wrote "the bones of four or five songs" within seven or eight days of leaving prison—a time when he felt "an incredible clarity."

He paid tribute to the late Amy Winehouse on Monday, calling her the only British artist to have left him in awe during his 30-year musical career.

"The thought that we won't hear any more of her music is too sad for words," he said before performing a version of Winehouse's hit "Love is a Losing Game."

Lil Wayne hurt in St. Louis skateboard accident

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Lil Wayne said Monday he is recovering after gashing his head at a St. Louis-area skateboard park.

The 28-year-old rapper whose real name is Dwayne Michael Carter Jr. was in suburban St. Louis Sunday for a performance at the outdoor Verizon Amphitheatre. KTVI-TV reported that Lil Wayne, accompanied by a large entourage, showed up Sunday at DePaul Health Center's emergency room.

Hospital spokeswoman Jamie

Newell said she could not confirm Lil Wayne was at the hospital, citing privacy laws. But Lil Wayne wrote about it on his Twitter account.

"The Lou was good but I busted my ... head at the sk8park! 9stitches! Gnarly gash over my left eye! Luv the people," he wrote.

Messages left with Lil Wayne's management on Monday were not returned. Details about how he was hurt, and where, were not immediately available.

Lil Wayne is about to release his

new album, "The Carter IV." A previous album, "The Carter III," was the best-selling album of 2008 and the Grammy Award winner for best rap album of that year. In 2010, he served time in a New York jail after pleading guilty to a weapons charge.

"The Carter IV" will be released digitally after Sunday's MTV Video Music Awards, at which Lil Wayne will perform. The album, which features collaborations with Drake, Cory Gunz, Rick Ross, Busta Rhymes and others, will be in stores on Aug. 29.

Letterman mines laughs from website death threat

NEW YORK (AP)—Even a fatwa is grist for comedy when you're David Letterman.

Back from two weeks' vacation and making his first TV appearance since a threat against his life was posted on a jihadist website, the "Late Show" host played it for laughs during Monday's monologue.

Letterman began by thanking his studio audience for being there.

"Tonight," he said, "you people are more, to me, honestly, than an audience—you're more like a human shield."

Then he apologized for having been tardy coming out onstage.

"Backstage, I was talking to the guy from CBS," he explained. "We were going through the CBS life insurance policy to see if I was covered for jihad."

Until Letterman delivered his jokes, his situation seemed no laughing matter.

Last week, a frequent contributor to a jihadist website posted the threat against Letterman. He urged Muslim followers to "cut the tongue" of the late-night host because of a joke and gesture the comic had made about al-Qaida leaders on his CBS show earlier this summer.

"A guy, a radical extremist threatened to cut my tongue out," Letterman marveled during Monday's monologue. Then, referring to his disastrous turn hosting the 1995 Oscarcast, he added, "I wish I had a nickel for every time a guy has threatened (that). I think the first time was during the Academy Awards."

"And so now," he continued, "State Department authorities are looking into this." But they could save themselves some time: "Everybody knows it's (Jay) Leno."

Along with his monologue, Letterman mined the situation for his Top Ten List: "Top Ten Thoughts That Went Through My Mind After Hearing about

the Threat."

One joke that may have helped spark the fatwa was one of several lampooning al-Qaida in Letterman's June 8 monologue. This was just days after the death of al-Qaida leader Ilyas Kashmiri, who was killed by a U.S. drone strike in Pakistan. Though Kashmiri was rumored to be a long-shot choice to succeed Osama bin Laden, he wouldn't have worked out even had he lived, Letterman cracked, pointing to Kashmiri's "rocky start" as a front-runner: "He botched up the story of Paul Revere."

The real butt of that joke: Sarah Palin, potential 2012 GOP presidential candidate, who in early June on her "One Nation" bus tour had claimed that Paul Revere's famous ride was intended to warn British soldiers as well as his fellow colonists.

The website contributor, who identified himself as Umar al-Basrawi, railed in his post that Letterman had referred to both bin Laden and Kashmiri and said that Letterman, in discussing Kashmiri's death, had "put his hand on his neck and demonstrated the way of slaughter."

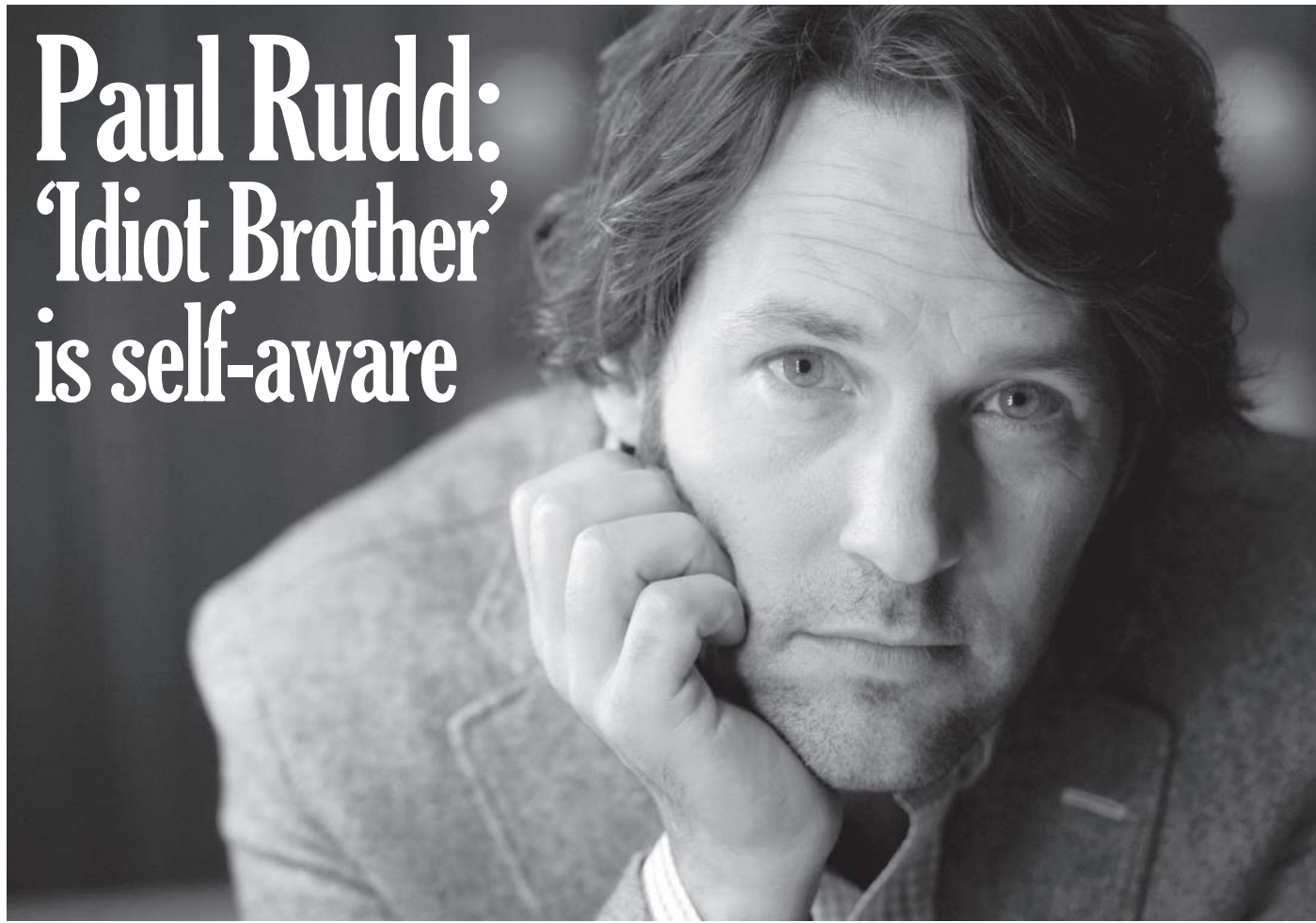
"Is there not among you a Sayyid Nosair al-Mairi ... to cut the tongue of this lowly Jew and shut it forever?" Al-Basrawi wrote, referring to El Sayyid Nosair, who was convicted of the 1990 killing of Jewish Defense League founder Meir Kahane. Letterman is not Jewish.

Al-Basrawi, considered likely to be an alias, has made some 1,200 postings to the Muslim website, according to Adam Raisman, an analyst for the Site Monitoring Service. The private firm, part of the Site Intelligence Group, provides information to government and commercial clients on what jihadists are saying on the Internet and in traditional media. Raisman said the online forum is often used by al-Qaida.



Letterman

Paul Rudd: 'Idiot Brother' is self-aware



In this Aug. 16, 2011 photo, actor Paul Rudd poses for a portrait in Los Angeles. Rudd stars in the new comedy "Our Idiot Brother." AP

By LEWIS BEALE
NEWSDAY

Paul Rudd has the kind of low-key, deadpan acting style that seems to work equally well whether he's doing comedy or drama. The 42-year-old performer, born in New Jersey but raised in Kansas, first gained attention as Alicia Silverstone's former stepbrother in the 1995 film "Clueless," a role that turned him into a minor teen

idol. Since then, Rudd has become a regular member of the Judd Apatow repertory company, appearing in such films as "Anchorman," "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Knocked Up" and "Forgetting Sarah Marshall." Currently shooting another comedy for Apatow, tentatively titled "This Is Forty," Rudd will be seen Friday in "Our Idiot Brother," in which he plays a blissed-out hippie with three demanding sisters

who lives by his own rules. Lewis Beale caught up with him during a break in filming.

Q: Your character in "Our Idiot Brother." Is he stupid? Naive? What?

A: I don't think he's stupid. I think he was naive in some ways, but in other ways enlightened; he's a guy that is self-aware. This principle he tries to uphold, seeing the best in people, by choosing that as an ethos, it makes him not an idiot,

more of an idealist. Some of his choices are idiotic and not naive, but it's not like (the Peter Sellers film) "Being There," where the guy is floating through sort of unaware; he's aware.

Q: So what was it that attracted you to this film in the first place?

A: The thing that struck me was the character itself. I liked this person, and I thought that would be a fun thing to play. I never thought in terms of "Oh,

he's stupid," or "He's a stoner." It was the idea of someone trying to live their life in a certain way, and maintaining that. There's room for behavioral humor, but it also had poignancy and depth to it.

Q: The film you're currently shooting is the fifth one featuring you that Judd Apatow has either directed or produced. What's the attraction?

A: From a creative standpoint, he directs in a way no one I've ever worked with directs. I feel like my approach to acting is different from having worked with him. The freedom he gives the actors is really incredible. If we want to add stuff, we get to do it. We're not just standing on the mark and saying the line. And the things he's concerned with, not about laughs specifically, but dealing with things that are true. I like that perspective on things.

Q: Do you see yourself having any particular strengths or weaknesses when it comes to acting?

A: I don't know where it falls, whether a strength or hindrance. I don't think the chasm between comedy and drama is too wide. I tend to live somewhere in the middle, so as a result, I think I've been in some funny movies, but I don't consider myself a comedian. I have maybe not such a flashy approach to things. While I have ambition, and can be passionate about things, I wonder if I can be as tenacious as other people to get ahead.

Q: When you started out in the business, is there any particularly great career advice

that someone gave you?

A: The best was a practical one—"write thank you notes." Which I think is a good life thing.

Q: You were really great in "Clueless." Sort of everyone's favorite sane and cute older brother. What did it mean for your career?

A: It was major, the first thing I ever did that was widely seen. We did a table read of "Clueless," and after it was all done the actors went to dinner, and we were all new to acting. I remember thinking wouldn't it be crazy if this turned into one of those movies like we think of John Hughes, because it was different and smart. Just hoping it would be that; then, years after it came out, it became clear that it was a movie that a lot of kids, it struck a chord with them. It shared the shelf space of some of those (John Hughes) movies. There's something great being part of something that you knew was important to some kids.

Q: Growing up in Overland Park, Kan., you became a big fan of the Kansas City Chiefs. Do you still root for them? And how do you think they're going to do this year, after winning the AFC West title in 2010, but losing in the first round of the playoffs?

A: I'm curious to see what's going to happen with any of these teams because of the lockout, to see how sharp any of them are. It's frustrating, because (the Chiefs usually) make the playoffs, but they never get past the first round.

Lisa Kudrow follows her own path

By LUAINE LEE
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.—When Lisa Kudrow costarred as Phoebe on "Friends," somebody was always putting words in her mouth. Now she's planting the words herself and they're coming up funny.

Kudrow didn't go the way of her fellow costars, she's followed her own path. She took the road less traveled by and it's made all the difference.

Starring in Showtime's quirky "Web Therapy," Kudrow not only portrays an imperious, self-absorbed Internet therapist, she plays it as though she were wrapped in shrink-wrap—no paranoid hysteric will ruffle her salon hairdo.

As the officious Dr. Fiona Wallace, Kudrow ad-libs herself into parody of both the web and a nation's passion for the quick-fix.

Her life took this turn, says Kudrow, when her son was 3 years old. "I realized there was one point where I was working a lot in 'Friends,' and they were very generous about letting us do films. He was very little and I was working 17 hours a day. We were in another city. He thought we'd moved," she says, leaning back in an oversized leather chair in a confer-

ence room here.

"He was turning 3 years old, and I realized, 'I can't do this anymore. I'm going to be his mother at this age right now. And next year it'll be gone. I won't be the mother of a 3-year-old again . . . it's really fleeting. So if you want to keep working, you've got to be here.' That changed a lot of my work choices."

With more risky selections she suddenly understood most actors who are not lucky enough to capture a 10-year sitcom. "I did wonder: 'Am I ever going to work again?' But it couldn't matter because being his mother HAS to be the most important thing," she says, resting her hands on her lap.

"The good thing—and maybe the bad thing about "Friends"—is you don't need to do anything because your rent is paid and you have enough food and you can make choices to please yourself," she says.

One of those choices was "The Comeback," which she did for HBO in which she played an actress whose career has peaked. As Valerie Cherish (you get the picture just from the name) she combated the virulent prejudice against aging actresses in a town where today's trend is tomorrow's nostalgia.

Kudrow, who spent five or six years learning improvisational acting, says there are certain rules to it. "Whatever your scene partner is saying, your response is 'Yes and. . .'" So that you're not negating what they're saying. But more importantly, it's a great mindset because whatever comes up, it's OK. Everything's OK, which helps you relax. And I think you have to be relaxed when you're acting."

There were times, early on, when she considered quitting. "But they wouldn't last more than a day or two. I have to say also that mindset you learn from improvising, 'Everything's OK,' it also helps a lot if you let it bleed into other areas of your life," she says.

"For those big choices that you've made that you need to commit to, to see them through, because you're not going to know immediately if it's going to work out or not."

Working on "Friends," taught her a lot, she says. "I learned one very important thing. An actor always considers the possibility that they're going to be famous one day, that people will stop them on the street and tell them, 'Oh, my God. I love you.'"

"And I know for me, before that, I always felt that if that would happen then I'd



Lisa Kudrow as Fiona Wallace in Showtime's quirky "Web Therapy." AP

have permission to really like myself a LOT, not that consciously. But I realized after 'Friends,' and they are stop-

ping you on the street, 'I love you, I love Phoebe, I love that character.' And the next second, 'I'm so tired of that show.

You guys are everywhere. It's too much.' . . . You realize that OK, you can't really be dependent on any outside opinion to form any opinion of yourself. You have to do the work to be comfortable with who you are and change the things you don't like."

That was a very big lesson, she thinks. "It seems very basic. That makes sense. I think we all know but not many people do it. It's very, very, very hard."

Her husband, Michael Stern, an advertising executive, helps critique her work—when she wants it, she adds quickly. "My husband is very proud and likes 'Web Therapy' and thinks it's very funny. Which is good because he's very tough. He tells me the truth and sometimes I don't ask. If I don't want to know, I don't ask."

He does worry when she tries risky projects like "The Comeback" and "Web Therapy."

"He gets nervous for me. I think I'm appropriately nervous, but it's not going to stop me because I feel if I could survive the cancellation of 'The Comeback,' that was good work and sometimes networks make mistakes. And I do think of it as a mistake, so that's out of my control. It reminds me what I learned at 'Friends' which is, task at hand. You just do what you do and the other stuff you don't even try."

Kim Kardashian wedding prompts 22 calls to police

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kim Kardashian's weekend wedding kept the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office busy.

Officer Drew Sugars says the Saturday evening ceremony brought 22 calls into the station, mostly complaints from neighbors about loud music and helicopters overhead.

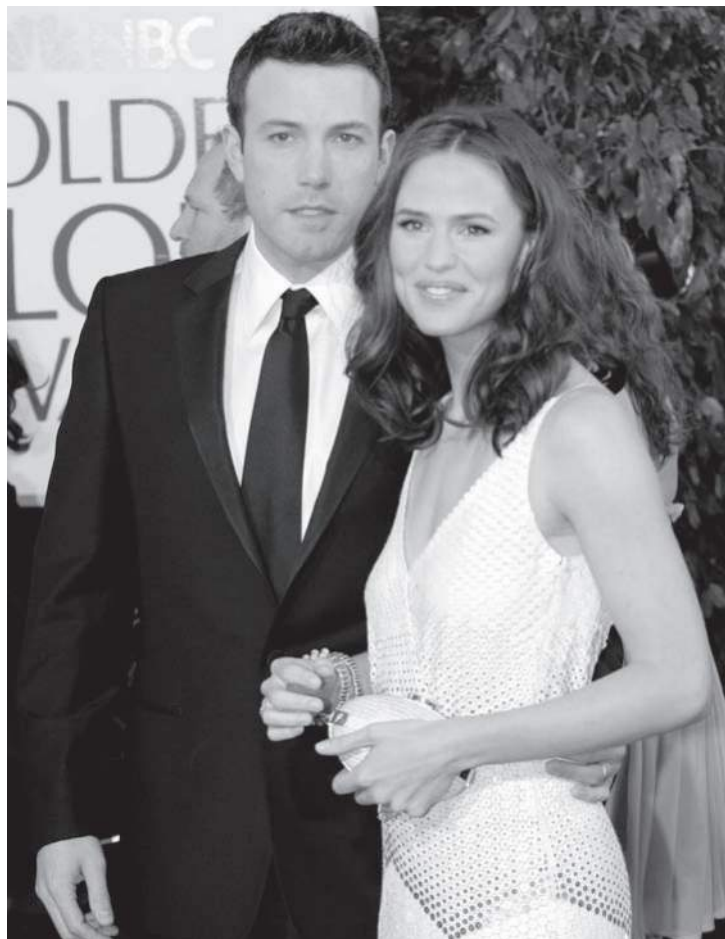
Sugars says seven deputies were hired to provide supplemental security at the nuptials, which were held at a private estate in Montecito, Calif.

No citations were issued, and no arrests were made.

Kardashian's marriage to professional basketball player Kris Humphries was filmed for a forthcoming TV special.

It is the first marriage for the 26-year-old athlete and the second for the 30-year-old reality star, who appears on E!'s "Keeping Up with the Kardashians."

Affleck, Garner expecting 3rd child



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner's family is growing—representatives for the actors say the couple are expecting their third child.

A one-sentence statement released Monday says the actors are "thrilled" to have another baby on the way. The couple has two daughters, 5-year-old Violet and 2-year-old Seraphina Rose Elizabeth Affleck.

No other details were released.

Affleck and Garner, both 39, were married in 2005.

Garner, who rose to fame after starring in the television series "Alias," appeared over the weekend at a Disney expo to promote her upcoming film, "The Odd Life of Timothy Green."

Affleck won an Oscar for co-writing the screenplay to "Good Will Hunting" and recently wrote, directed and starred in the thriller "The Town."

In this Jan. 15, 2007 file photo, Ben Affleck, left, and Jennifer Garner arrive for the 64th Annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif. **AP**

New reader poll may show that times have changed

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: Many years ago an advice columnist (your mother?) posed the question to her readers, "If you had it to do over again, would you still have children?" I'm wondering when the information was collected, and what the results of that inquiry were, and if you asked the same question today, what the majority of your readers would answer.



Dear Abby

READY2BDONE IN PHOENIX

DEAR READY2BDONE: The columnist was Ann Landers (my mother's twin sister) and while I remember the poll, I don't recall the date. I do remember that the responses arrived on postcards because it predated the establishment of the Internet.

The results were considered shocking at the time because the majority of responders said they would NOT have children if they had it to do over again. I'm printing your question because it will be interesting to see if feelings have changed over the intervening years.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Morgan," is an intelligent, hardworking overachiever. She graduated from an Ivy League college with two degrees and academic honors. Days after graduation she was hired by a Fortune 500 company and has been promoted three times in the past four years.

Our daughter is a beautiful 28-year-old woman with a vivacious personality. Our problem is the boyfriends she chooses. She's drawn to uneducated, jobless or part-time-employed men who talk a good game but never do anything.

Morgan's latest boyfriend moved in with her and she is supporting him. Her mom, sister and I have tried talking to her many times about this and her future. She seems oblivious to common sense and becomes defensive and agitated.

We want the best for our daughter. We realize she's old enough and smart enough to make her own decisions, but we're finding it difficult to support her choices. We don't want to alienate her. What should we do?

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DEAR "PAT": Back off. All of you. These men may not be what you want for Morgan, but they obviously are filling some need she has. In time her common sense may assert itself, but even if it doesn't, your daughter's choice of a mate is hers, not yours, to make. These may be passing fancies, but sometimes opposites attract very successfully.

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DEAR ABBY: My widowed 82-year-old mother will return home soon after a stay in an extended care facility. She'll need unskilled 24/7 care for a month or so.

I'm the only family member who doesn't work, so my siblings expect me to take care of her. Mom suggested hiring someone to stay with her and everyone thought it was a good idea. However, when I said I'd do it and Mom could pay me, everyone was outraged!

My siblings think that because I'm her daughter, I should do it for nothing. I say the deal would be between Mom and me and it's none of their concern. What do you think?

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DEAR M.Y.O.B.: I'm glad you asked. If you need the money, make the deal. If you don't need the money, then give your mother the help she needs out of love, respect and gratitude for the care she gave you when you needed it.

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Garth Brooks, Alan Jackson honored for songwriting

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Country superstars Alan Jackson and Garth Brooks are among the newest inductees to the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame.

They join Allen Shamblin, John Bettis and Thom Schuyler

as the 2011 inductees.

Jackson has written or co-written 24 of his 35 No. 1 singles, including "Chattahoochee" and "Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning)." Brooks also penned many of his own hits, like "The

Thunder Rolls" and "The River."

Shamblin's credits include Miranda Lambert's "The House That Built Me" and Bonnie Raitt's "I Can't Make You Love Me." Bettis is known for pop-country crossovers such as "Slow Hand",

sung by The Pointer Sisters and later Conway Twitty.

Schuyler's resume includes the Kenny Rogers hit "Love Will Turn You Around."

The induction ceremony will take place October 16th in Nashville.



Hilton

Paris Hilton ex-beau seeks plea in Vegas drug case

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Paris Hilton's ex-boyfriend has a court date Wednesday to take a plea deal to settle criminal drug charges stemming from a Las Vegas Strip traffic stop with the celebrity socialite last year.

Cy Waits, 35, a former Las Vegas nightclub manager, didn't appear in court Monday while his lawyer, Richard Schonfeld told Las Vegas Justice of the Peace Bill Kephart that an agreement had been reached in the case.

Schonfeld didn't provide details.

He said outside court he couldn't disclose terms ahead of time. Prosecutor L.J. O'Neale wasn't immediately available for comment.

Waits could face up to four years in state prison if convicted of a felony charge of being under the influence of a controlled substance, and less than a year in the Clark County jail in Las Vegas on misdemeanor marijuana possession and driving under the influence charges.

Waits was arrested Aug. 27, 2010, after a police officer report-

ed seeing and smelling a "vapor trail" of marijuana smoke wafting from a black Cadillac Escalade with Waits at the wheel.

Hilton, a passenger in the vehicle, was arrested after police said a small bag containing 0.8 gram of cocaine fell from her Chanel purse as she reached for a tube of lip balm.

Hilton, 30, pleaded guilty last September to misdemeanor cocaine possession and obstruction charges. She is serving a year of probation.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

People and other magazines added to Nook

NEW YORK (AP)—People, Fortune and other leading magazines are coming to the Nook. Barnes & Noble, Inc. announced Tuesday that it had agreed with Time to make all 21 of its U.S. releases available on its Nook Color e-reader by the end of the year. People, Fortune, Time and Sports Illustrated were added Tuesday to the Nook Newsstand, with InStyle and Entertainment Weekly among those expected over the next few months. As of Tuesday, the Meredith Corp.'s Fitness and Parents magazine also were available on the Nook. The Nook's color reader has become a strong competitor to Apple's iPad, which offers apps for Time and Meredith publications, as a favorite touchscreen device for reading magazines online. Sales on the Nook have been especially strong for publications such as Women's Health and Cosmopolitan.

Rock Hall to honor Aretha Franklin with series

NEW YORK (AP)—Aretha Franklin is already a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, but this fall, she'll be honored by the hall once again, as part of its American Music Masters series. The Queen of Soul will be the subject of a week-long celebration by the hall and Case Western Reserve University. It kicks off Oct. 31, includes an all-day symposium and ends with an all-star tribute concert on Nov. 5. Performers for that show have yet to be announced. In a statement released Tuesday, the 69-year-old Franklin said she was "thrilled and delighted" to be honored and planned to take part in the festivities. Franklin returned to the concert scene this year after surgery for an undisclosed condition. Past honorees include Bessie Smith, Les Paul, Janis Joplin and Woody Guthrie.

Nominations announced for Thurber humor prize

NEW YORK (AP)—A sportswriter, an essayist and a playwright-comedian are this year's finalists for the Thurber Prize for American Humor. Mike Birbiglia was nominated for "Sleepwalk With Me and Other Painfully True Stories." It was developed from his one-man show. David Rakoff was cited for the collection "Half Empty." His essays have appeared everywhere from Vogue to Wired. Rick Reilly was nominated for "Sports from Hell: My Search for the World's Dumbest Competition." The nominations were announced Monday by Thurber House, based in Columbus, Ohio. First prize is \$5,000. The award was founded in 1997 in honor of humorist James Thurber. Previous winners include Jon Stewart, David Sedaris and Christopher Buckley.

Musical 'Ghost' to haunt Broadway in March 2012

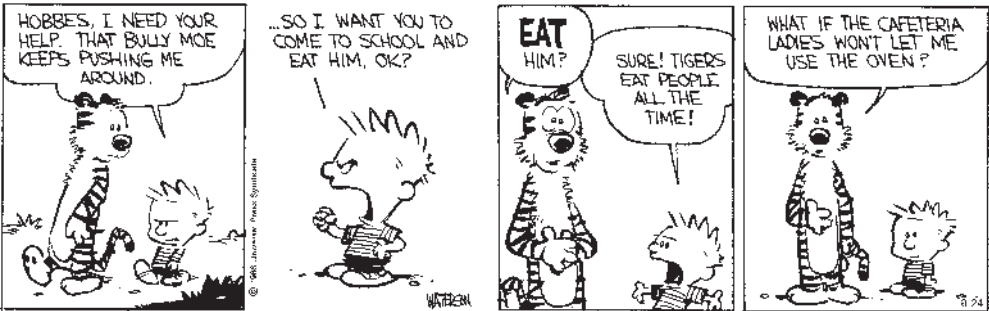
NEW YORK (AP)—A musical based in the Patrick Swayze film "Ghost" will be haunting Broadway next year. Producers said Monday that the show, which debuted in June in London, will begin previews in New York in March 2012. Casting for the Broadway run has not been announced yet. "Ghost" has new songs by Grammy Award-winner Dave Stewart and Glen Ballard. Stewart is half of the pop duo the Eurythmics, while Ballard helped put together Alanis Morissette's "Jagged Little Pill." Oscar winner Bruce Joel Rubin has adapted his original screenplay for the stage. Tony Award winner Matthew Warchus will direct. In the 1990 movie, Swayze played a ghost trying to communicate with his girlfriend—played by Demi Moore—through a fake psychic in the hope of saving her from his murderer.

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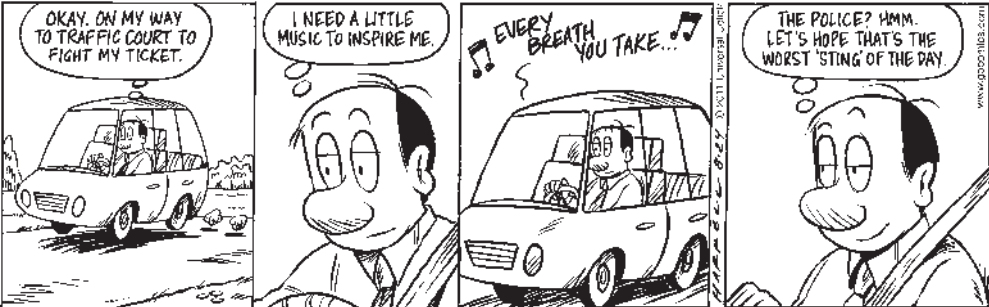
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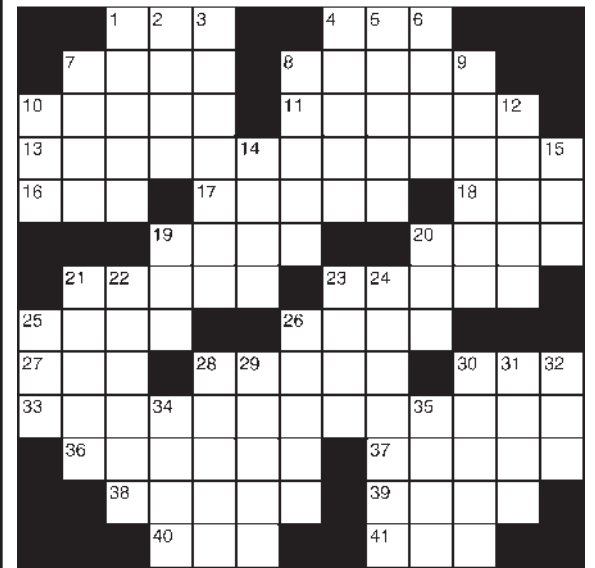
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be so hard on yourself; there are plenty of other people who will do that for you today. Not everyone will understand what you are trying to accomplish. Impulsiveness will be your downfall, so take a deep breath and wait for the right time to make your next move. **
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The time to make your move is now. Love is on the rise, and socializing and networking will be successful personally and professionally. Aggressive, honest communication will get you the results you want. ****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Concentrate on the personal aspects of your life, such as family, home and finances. Someone who can alter your future monetarily will appreciate your desire and the initiative you take to make a difference. ***
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may not want to share your plans with anyone, but keeping a secret may lead to trouble with someone you love. Before you de-

cide to take a chance, consider the consequences should things not turn out as planned. ***
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your insight regarding financial investments and contractual negotiations will help you make good choices. Don't let someone else's uncertainty or fear prevent you from doing what you know in your heart is right. ****
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make a difference at home. Put a little effort behind your promises and you will get ample returns from the people you are dealing with. Love is in the stars; by nurturing a new or old relationship, you can improve your current lifestyle. ****
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may be emotionally fragile, but that doesn't mean you should back away from fixing whatever is wrong in your personal or professional life. Face the music head on and you will feel better at the end of the day with the changes you have brought about. **
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take your goals into account before you make a rash decision that may not suit your needs. There is money to be made if you let your intuition guide you. You'll get an insider's view that will help you make a good choice. ****
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel may entice you, but before you spend on something you don't need, consider what else you can do with the time and money it will cost for a moment's pleasure. ***

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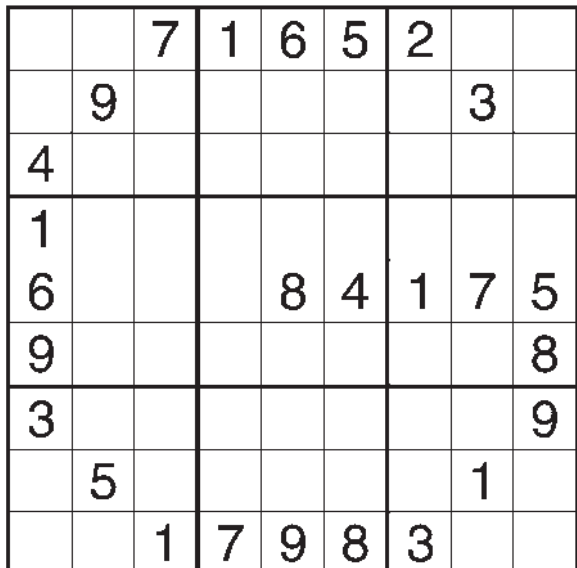
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make headway if you focus on how you can make your investments worth more. A contract with someone you want to spend more time with looks encouraging. Love and romance are highlighted, and plans for two should be made. ***
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have to compromise if you want to get ahead. Focus on what's really important. Do your best to keep the peace and to nurture what you have. Now is not the time to rock the boat, and using force will backfire. ***
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look around before you leap into something you know little about. If you don't see others clamoring to get involved, reconsider your motives. Physical activity will help you chill out and put things in perspective. Slow down and rethink your position and your next move. *****
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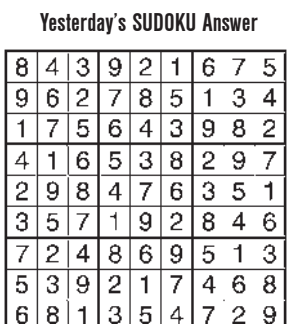
SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green



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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.



WONDERWORD By DAVID QUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Verlander wins 19th, Tigers beat Rays, 5-2



ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.

(AP)—Justin Verlander is this season's first 19-game winner and Alex Avila hit his 15th homer as the American League Central-leading Detroit Tigers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-2 on Monday.

Verlander (19-5) won his seventh consecutive start, giving up one run and three hits in seven innings. The 19 wins match his career high, set in 2009.

The Tigers took a 2-1 lead in the second when Avila hit a two-run shot off Jeff Niemann (8-5). The All-Star catcher is 25 for 59 (.424) with five homers and 14 RBIs this month.

Niemann, who was 7-0 in his 10 previous start, allowed four runs and six hits over 7 1-3 innings.

Tampa Bay center fielder B.J. Upton left with a right shoulder strain after running into the wall on Delmon Young's eighth-inning double.

Mariners 3, Indians 2

In Cleveland, Franklin Gutierrez lifted a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the ninth inning as Seattle scored the go-ahead run without getting a hit to beat Cleveland.

The Indians, swept by AL Central-leading Detroit over the weekend, lost their fourth in a row.

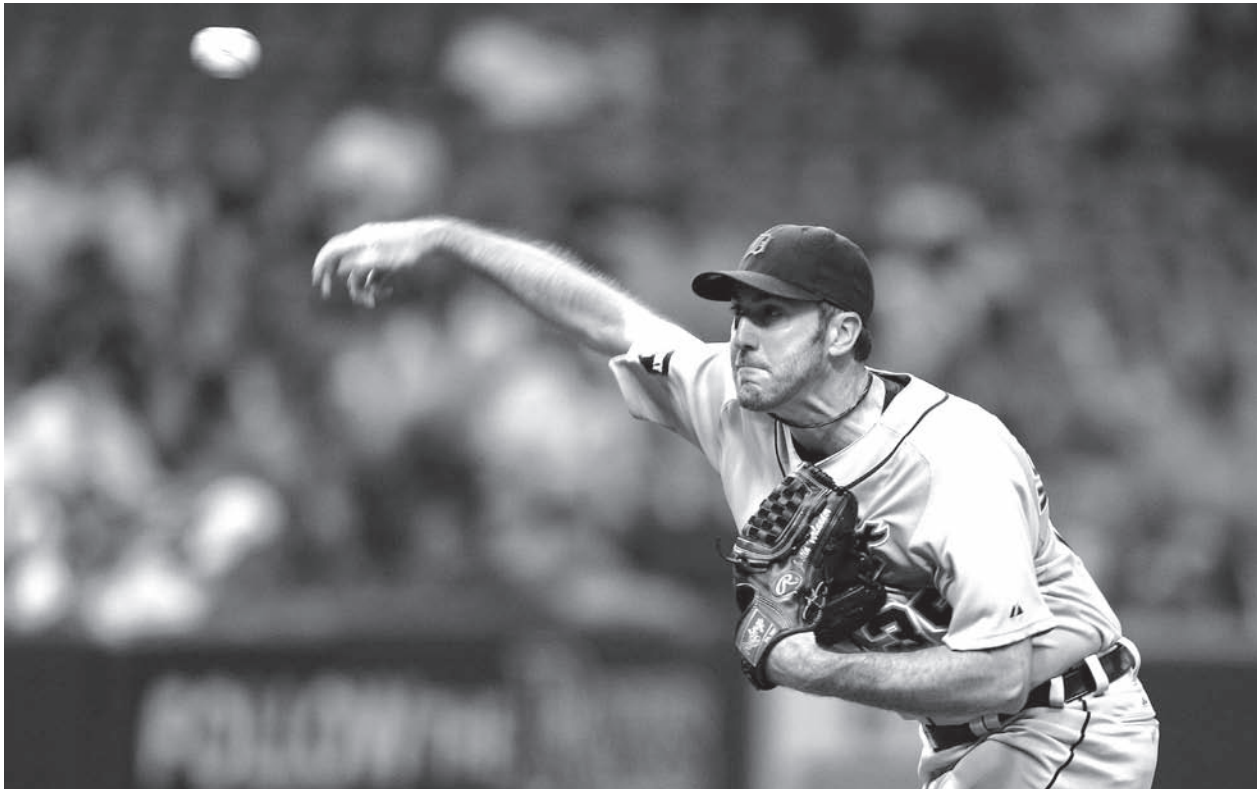
Cleveland closer Chris Perez (2-6) hit both Miguel Olivo and Brendan Ryan with pitches to start the ninth. Perez then compounded his problems by dropping a sacrifice bunt by Trayvon Robinson, loading the bases with no outs.

Ichiro Suzuki, who already had three hits, struck out. But Gutierrez, formerly of the Indians, hit a fly to medium center field and Olivo barely beat Ezequiel Carrera's one-hop throw home.

Orioles 4, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, J.J. Hardy homered against the team that traded him in the offseason, Zach Britton won for the first time in 10 weeks as Baltimore snapped a five-game losing streak by beating Minnesota.

Matt Wieters also homered, Ryan Adams added an RBI after being recalled from minor league Triple-A



Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Justin Verlander delivers a seventh inning pitch to the Tampa Bay Rays during a baseball game Monday, Aug. 22, 2011, in St. Petersburg, Fla. AP

Norfolk and Nick Markakis delivered an RBI double.

Kevin Gregg pitched the ninth for his 18th save.

Twins manager Ron Gardenhire and third baseman Danny Valencia were ejected by plate umpire Hunter Wendelstedt in the eighth inning after Valencia struck out.

Rangers 4, Red Sox 0

In Arlington, Texas, C.J. Wilson threw 6 2-3 scoreless innings for his 13th victory and Mike Napoli hit a three-run homer as AL West-leading Texas returned home with a victory over Boston.

Wilson (13-5) struck out four while limiting the Red Sox to four singles.

Napoli's 21st homer, in the sixth off Erik Bedard (4-9), extended the Rangers' 1-0 lead and his hitting streak to a season-best 11.

Bedard is 0-2 in his four starts for the Red Sox since being acquired July 31 in a trade from Seattle. The left-hander struck out four and allowed seven hits over six innings.

Phillies 10, Mets 0

In Philadelphia, Cliff Lee threw seven sharp innings, and John Mayberry Jr. and Hunter Pence each hit a two-run homer as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the New York Mets 10-0 Monday.

The Phillies rocked Dillon Gee (11-5) to earn their major league-best 82nd win. They have a comfortable lead over Atlanta in pursuit of their fifth straight National League East title.

Lee (14-7) allowed three hits, walked three and struck out seven. The 2008 AL Cy Young Award winner is 4-0 with a 0.58 ERA this month.

David Herndon pitched the last two innings to complete the five-hitter and record Philadelphia's 17th shutout.

Nationals 4, Diamondbacks 1

In Washington, Jayson Werth hit a three-run homer, Ross Detwiler took a four-hitter into the seventh inning and the Nationals beat Arizona to extend the Diamondbacks' losing streak to a season-high six games.

Henry Blanco homered for the Dia-

mondbacks, who have scored only seven runs in their last six games. Mired in its longest skid since a seven-game run in July 2010, Arizona now leads second-place San Francisco by just one game in the NL West.

Brewers 8, Pirates 1, 1st game Pirates 9, Brewers 2, 2nd game

In Pittsburgh, Ryan Doumit homered and drove in two runs as Pittsburgh ended more than a year of futility against Milwaukee with a win in the second game of a doubleheader.

The Brewers took the opener for their 13th straight victory over Pittsburgh, but the Pirates pounded Milwaukee ace Zack Greinke in the second game.

Braves 3, Cubs 0

In Chicago, Jair Jurrjens pitched in and out of trouble for 6 1-3 innings, Dan Uggla and Freddie Freeman homered

and Atlanta beat Chicago for their fifth straight win.

Jurrjens (13-5) allowed eight hits and walked five. The Cubs stranded 11 runners in the first six innings.

Uggla's two shots gave him 30 home runs for the fifth straight season. No other second baseman in major league history has reached 30 homers more than three times overall.

Jonny Venters walked the first two batters in the ninth, but got the last three outs for his fifth save.

Dodgers 2, Cardinals 1

In St. Louis, Aaron Miles' RBI triple keyed a two-run, ninth inning rally as Los Angeles came from behind to beat St. Louis.

Cardinals starter Chris Carpenter, who has never lost to Los Angeles, dominated the Dodgers for eight innings, shutting them out on five hits. Carpenter took a 1-0 lead into the ninth, but then hit Juan Rivera to start the frame.

Manager Tony La Russa brought in Arthur Rhodes, who struck out Andre Ethier. La Russa then went back to his bullpen, but that move backfired when Miles tripled to right center off Fernando Salas (5-5) to tie the game at 1-1.

Rockies 9, Astros 5

In Denver, Jhoulys Chacin threw seven solid innings and had a two-run double, while Carlos Gonzalez homered and drove in three runs to help Colorado beat Houston.

All nine starters reached base for Colorado, which won its third straight. It's just the second time since June 18 the Rockies have won three in a row.

Brian Bogusevic had three hits, including a homer, Matt Downs also homered for the Astros.

It was the first time Colorado beat Houston right-hander Brett Myers. Myers (3-13) came into Monday 7-0 with a 3.47 ERA in eight appearances against the Rockies, seven of those as a starter.

US pulls out of bid for 2020 Summer Olympics



Locked in a dispute over millions of dollars, the U.S. Olympic Committee pulled the plug Monday on a bid for the 2020 Summer Games before the International Olympic Committee could say no to the Americans, as it has the last two times. The two sides have been at odds over a revenue-sharing agreement for years.

By not submitting a bid, the USOC assures at least a 20-year gap between Olympics on American soil for only the fourth time.

Chicago, New York and Dallas were among the cities interested in the 2020 games, but any bid was contingent upon a new deal with the IOC.

Recently, negotiations had picked up in an effort to meet a Sept. 1 deadline for countries to submit a city's name for consideration. But with so much money and a long-term commitment at stake, the USOC decided not to rush.

"I think it's one of the smartest things they could do right now," said Steve Penny, president of USA Gymnastics, one of the country's most important,

and successful, Olympic sports. "It's very important they get this revenue-sharing deal done the right way. Having an Olympic bid hanging over your head is going to change the way you think about one of the most important business decisions you're going to make for the USOC in the foreseeable future."

At the heart of the disagreement is the USOC's long-standing 20 percent share of global sponsorship revenues and 12.75 percent cut of U.S. broadcast rights deals. The IOC wants more of that money.

Because of the revenue generated in the United States and the success of its teams, the Olympic movement needs the USOC more than any other national body. It's a delicate dance, however, because there are some in the IOC who resent the United States for the power it holds.

There won't be any deal soon. Publicly, at least, the IOC did not sound distressed.

"The United States and its athletes have made, and continue to make, a

huge contribution to the Olympic Movement," IOC spokeswoman Emmanuelle Moreau said. "We always welcome a bid from such a key partner and look forward to a bid in the near future."

The IOC was asking for more than the USOC leadership was willing to give. The USOC simply wasn't willing to slap together a deal to allow a city—many insiders thought it would be Dallas—to start the bid process.

"With such little time left in the process, we don't believe we could pull together a winning bid that could serve the Olympic and Paralympic movement," USOC spokesman Patrick Sandusky said.

At one time, New York was considered a favorite to host 2012, but it lost in embarrassing fashion, finishing fourth of the five finalists. Two years ago, Chicago finished fourth of four finalists for the 2016 Games, and that humiliating loss was viewed by many as more a reflection on the USOC's relationship with the IOC than the city's viability as an Olympic host. (AP)

Woods considers adding tournament



JUPITER, Fla. (AP)—Tiger Woods is thinking about adding another PGA Tour event to his schedule.

Woods failed to qualify for the FedEx Cup playoffs that start this week in New Jersey for the top 125 players in the standings, meaning he is ineligible for tour events until October. He said on his website Monday that he might add a tournament in the Fall Series.

"Right now, I'm looking at my options," Woods said.

The Fall Series begins in Las Vegas on Sept. 29. It is followed by the Frys.com Open in San Martin, Calif., before moving to the East Coast for the final two weeks—the McGladrey Classic in St. Simons Island, Ga., and concluding with the tournament at Disney on Oct. 20-23.

Woods won Las Vegas for his first PGA Tour victory in 1996. He also won Disney that year.

He also said he wants to be part of the Presidents Cup team in Australia the week before Thanksgiving, although Woods will have to rely on being one of two captain's picks.

"I've had some conversations with

U.S. captain Fred Couples, and we'll see how it goes," Woods said. "Of course, I want to be on the team. It's always fun to play for your country, and we did pretty well two years ago in San Francisco. I'm just going to keep practicing and try to get better. It's Freddie's call, and he can make any choice he wants."

Woods is to play Aug. 31 in upstate New York, a one-day exhibition to support the charity of longtime friend Notah Begay.

Still to be decided is a full-time caddie. Woods used childhood friend Bryon Bell at the Bridgestone Invitational and the PGA Championship, where he missed the cut for only the third time in a major.

"I haven't decided on a new caddie yet, but am definitely thinking about it a lot," Woods said. "There's a few guys I'm looking at, but it all depends on timing. At this point, I'm in no hurry to make a decision."

He said the two things he is looking for in a caddie are experience and "a person I'll have fun with."

Woods fell to No. 36 in the world Monday, his lowest ranking since Nov. 17, 1996.

Raiders use third-round pick for Terrelle Pryor



NAPA, Calif. (AP)—The Oakland Raiders always have been seduced by size and speed so it came as little surprise that they used a third-round pick Monday in the NFL's supplemental draft to select former Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor.

Pryor's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said his client was excited about going in the third round after waiting until last Thursday to find out he'd even be eligible for the supplemental draft and not working out for teams until Saturday.

"We're tickled and thrilled that Terrelle went in the third round and to the Raiders," Rosenhaus said. "The third round is quite an accomplishment for a young man who had his pro day 48 hours ago and didn't know he would be in the draft until Thursday morning and wasn't able to meet with any decision makers."

The Raiders used the 18th selection of the third round for Pryor, forfeiting a pick in that round in the 2012 draft.

Pryor immediately headed to the Bay Area after being drafted and Rosenhaus said he hoped to finalize a contract as soon as possible to get Pryor on the practice field. Rosenhaus has already negotiated a third-round deal with the Raiders this summer with rookie cornerback DeMarcus Van Dyke.

"We're optimistic this will be a smooth negotiation," he said. "We enjoy working with the Raiders and he's very excited."

Pryor will be able to practice immediately after signing and play in the remaining two exhibition games. But he will not be eligible to practice with or play for Oakland during the regular season until the team's sixth game.

While there has been some speculation that Pryor's future could come as a receiver or tight end, Raiders coach Hue Jackson said he views Pryor as a quarterback and he will start his career there.



Former Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor works out for NFL football scouts at Hempfield Area High School on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011, near Hempfield, Pa. AP

"The guy had a very storied career at Ohio State," Jackson said. "He can throw it, he can run with it. He's smart, he's tough, he's played in big games."

He's another young athlete that we'll add to the mix that plays quarterback and we'll work with him and get this guy to be a good player."

When he was allowed to enter Monday's draft, he was handed a five-game suspension by Commissioner Roger Goodell—the same number of games he would have sat out had he returned to Ohio State. Pryor has said he will not appeal the suspension.

Pryor gave up his final season with the Buckeyes after an investigation into the team's memorabilia-for-cash scandal that cost coach Jim Tressel his job.

His selection by the Raiders hardly is surprising. Oakland often makes bold moves in the draft because owner Al Davis covets size and speed. Pryor ran a 4.36 in the 40 during his workout for 17 NFL teams Saturday. At 6-foot-5 and 232 pounds, he is similar in height to JaMarcus Russell, the LSU quarterback chosen No. 1 overall by the Raiders in the 2007 draft.

But Pryor is much more mobile. As a junior, Pryor had his best season statistically, throwing for 2,772 yards and 27 touchdowns with 11 interceptions. He also ran for 754 yards and four scores while helping the Buckeyes win the Sugar Bowl.

"We all know how Al Davis likes big players who can run and Terrelle brings a dimension of size and speed that's unique to the quarterback position," Rosenhaus said. "The Raiders are a good fit for him because they have had an unsettled quarterback situation for a number of years and have worked in a number of different players. Any young quarterback would like the opportunity to go there and compete and be the guy."

Oakland's starting quarterback is Jason Campbell, now in his second season with the Raiders after being acquired from Washington, where he spent five seasons. Campbell is in the last year of his contract, as are backups Kyle Boller and Trent Edwards.

The Raiders considered drafting a quarterback to groom for the future in

April but did not find the right fit. Now they have Pryor to fill that role.

Pryor said he's thankful for the opportunity to play in the NFL.

"The type of guy that you're getting is a competitive guy, a feisty guy that wants to win and will do anything to win," he told the NFL Network. "Work hard and a person that is just opportunistic. I'm just waiting for an opportunity and when I get it, I'm going to have success."

Pryor will be joined by a former teammate when he signs with the Raiders. Oakland had drafted cornerback Chimdi Chekwa in the fourth round in April and Chekwa gave Pryor a glowing review.

"He was a guy who can make the throws on the football field," Chekwa said. "He also has that threat of scrambling and running. When we needed a big play in college, he made that play. When we went against him in practice, first-team offense versus first-team defense, we had to spy him, do different things. He makes you have to account for the quarterback running."

Oakland is now without picks in the second, third and fourth rounds next year. The Raiders traded the 2012 second-round pick along with a 2011 seventh-round selection for third- and fourth-round picks this past draft to take offensive lineman Joe Barksdale and running back Taiwan Jones. They sent their fourth-round pick a year ago to the Redskins for Campbell.

Oakland could recoup some picks as compensation for losing Nnamdi Asomugha, Zach Miller and Robert Gallery as free agents.

No other players were chosen in the draft. Also eligible were former Georgia running back Caleb King, former Northern Illinois safety Tracy Wilson, former Western Carolina cornerback Torez Jones, former Lindenwood University defensive end Keenan Mace, and former North Carolina defensive end Mike McAdoo.

Shalala says 15 Miami athletes being investigated



CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP)—The probe into Miami athletics is

growing, with the university looking into the eligibility of 15 athletes who may have accepted improper benefits from a rogue booster.

Miami President Donna Shalala did not reveal any names of the players under investigation as she released a video statement Monday. The booster, convicted Ponzi scheme architect Nevin Shapiro, told Yahoo Sports for an article published last week that 12 current football players and one men's basketball player got money, gifts and other items from him.

"We cannot let the actions of some define the many," Shalala said.

The football players who were named by Shapiro in interviews with Yahoo Sports are Jacory Harris, Vaughn Telemaque, Ray Ray Armstrong, Travis Benjamin, Aldarius Johnson, Marcus Forston, Olivier Vernon, Marcus Robinson, Adewale Ojomo, Dyrone Dye, JoJo Nicholas and Sean Spence. Shapiro also alleged to Yahoo Sports that he paid \$10,000 to ensure that basketball player DeQuan Jones signed with

the Hurricanes.

Most, if not all, the current football players Shapiro named would likely be major contributors if they get to take the field.

Citing the ongoing investigation, school officials would not say Monday if any of those players have been cleared to play, or who the additional names linked to the investigation are.

"The Miami athletic compliance staff, in a joint effort with the NCAA, is now beginning the process of reviewing the eligibility of 15 current student-athletes," Shalala said. "With the season fast approaching I know our players, coaches and fans are eager to know the results. The process, however, must be deliberate and thorough to ensure its integrity."

The university wants to decide the status of the football players by the end of this week. Football coach Al Golden said he is planning to release a depth chart in the coming days for the Sept. 5 opener at Maryland, a process that would become very difficult if players like Harris, Spence, Forston, Telemaque, Armstrong and Benjamin—some of the team's on-field leaders—are ineligible.

"We will move forward," Golden said Saturday.

If Miami uses any player later deemed ineligible by the NCAA, then the Hurricanes run the risk of having to retroactively vacate games. If the Hurricanes sit the players implicated in the scandal, then their chances of winning now figure to take a serious hit.

Miami's football team held a closed scrimmage Monday, which Golden said would be the final audition of sorts for players trying to make the 60-person travel roster to Maryland.

Golden and other members of the football program will be unavailable for comment until Thursday, school officials said. In videotaped comments released by the university after the scrimmage, Golden indicated the depth chart could be completed Wednesday.

"We have a lot of decisions to make over the next 48 hours, not just the quarterbacks but the travel squad and the two-deep," Golden said after the scrimmage. He did not address anything related to the NCAA investigation, and said his staff would begin putting a game plan together for the Maryland trip Tuesday morning.

For much of the past few days, Shalala has tried to keep some sense of normalcy.

Miami's freshman class arrived on

campus last week, and Shalala mingled with many of them at a women's soccer game Friday night. On Sunday, she hosted a picnic at her home for new students, although she also met with senior staff throughout the weekend about the status of the investigation. Some football players popped into another women's soccer game Sunday night, getting words of encouragement from some longtime Miami supporters.

"The past eight days have been difficult. ... However, I'm heartened by the kind of displays of support in recent days, phone calls, text messages, emails and letters from so many of you," Shalala said. "When our values are called into question, as they have been this past week, we have only one option: Do what is right and have the confidence in tomorrow. We will not let others define us."

Five months ago, NCAA officials began investigating claims that Shapiro, who is now serving a 20-year prison sentence for masterminding a \$930 million scam, provided 72 football players—65 of whom suited up for the Hurricanes—with cars, money, gifts and even prostitutes between 2002 and 2010. Shapiro's claims also implicate 10 Miami football and basketball

coaches, none of whom are still employed by the university.

Shalala says Miami has retained attorneys who specialize in NCAA investigations to assist with the process.

"We have been open and cooperative with investigators," Shalala said.

Shalala has not been available for interviews, outside of one given last week to Miami's student newspaper. Her video message lasted just a bit under 6 minutes.

"The NCAA has instructed us not to comment on specific details of the investigation," Shalala said. "It's frustrating for us—for me—to be unable to speak more freely or to answer questions. However we must protect the integrity of the investigation and have patience as the work proceeds."

Miami has joined a growing list of schools with major football programs to be investigated by the NCAA for rule-breaking in the past 18 months. Others include Southern California, Ohio State, Auburn, Oregon, Michigan, North Carolina, Georgia Tech and LSU.

Federal officials said Shapiro, 42, remained imprisoned Monday at a facility in Tallahassee, Fla. His attorney has said Shapiro is in the process of being transferred to another prison, possibly one in South Florida, and that his transit is expected to be completed within days.

Mieko holds fundraisers for XTERRA World



XTERRA World Championship-bound Mieko

Carey will be holding two fundraising events for her trip to Hawaii in October this year.

First up is the triathlon clinic on Sept. 4 at Paupau Beach. The clinic will run from 7am to 9am and interested participants are asked to bring running shoes, towel, sports drink, goggles, bike, and helmets. Aside from the practical part of the clinic, Carey will discuss some

strength training tips.

The second part of the fundraisers will be the MTB and road bike races on Sept. 18. The MTB race will feature the Banzai loop and will be divided into two divisions. The long course will cover four laps, while the short one will have only two laps. Bikers will begin at Banzai and then head to the Last Command Post, pass the dumpsite, go to Cowtown, and take the Banzai trail back to the starting line.

For the road bike course, participants will leave Ban-

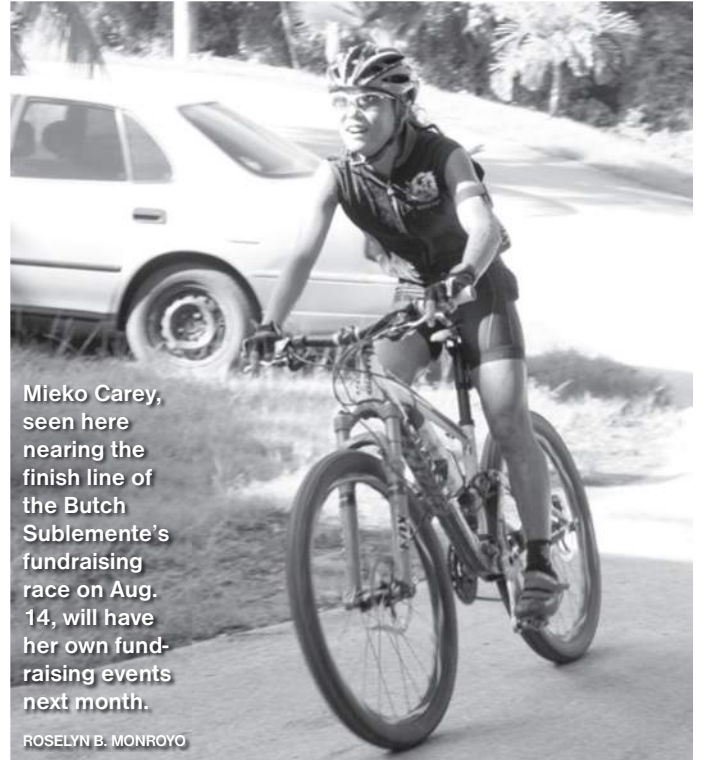
zai and pedal to Suicide Cliff, Bird Island, Grotto, and back to Banzai. The race kicks off at 7:30am and registration begins at 6:30am. Entry fee is only \$10 for each fundraiser.

Funds to be raised in the two-weekend event will be used to help send Carey in Maui, Hawaii for the 2011 XTERRA World Championships on October 23.

"I am headed to Maui again this year for the XTERRA World Championship. My goal this year is to be in the Top 10.

Last year, I was at No. 13," Carey said in her post to NMIF's unofficial website.

Last year, Carey clocked in at three hours, 21 minutes, and 11 seconds in the grueling 1.5-kilometer swim, 32-km bike race, and in the 12-km trail run, crushing her 2009 time of 3:35:44. Carey's 13th finish was five notches higher than her 2009 rankings in the women's division. Shonny Vanlandingham, who won this year's XTERRA Saipan Championship, ruled the women's race of XTERRA



Mieko Carey, seen here nearing the finish line of the Butch Sublemente's fundraising race on Aug. 14, will have her own fundraising events next month.

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NVM bests I-Fashion in regular season finale

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NVM held off a late third quarter rally by I-Fashion to cap off the Blue

Haus Invitational Basketball League's regular season last Thursday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

In addition, Cell Pro was awarded a win over Lyn's BBQ last Wednesday as a result of the former conceding the match after just one half of play.

The regular season ended with Pacific Postal, Wings Travel, and Inchcape with identical 4-2 records in the A Bracket. Just a game behind them are 8th Division and MBI with Star Water bringing up the rear with its 2-4 slate.

Sherwin Williams dominated

the B Bracket, finishing undefeated in six games. A game behind them comes Joeten Superstore, while I-Fashion (3-2), Fong's Bakery (2-4), Bud Brothers (2-4), and NVM (2-4) round out the rest of the division.

Fresco Askal swept the C Bracket with six wins and GPPC is ranked second with its 4-2 record. Mawati and Cell Pro are tied for third place at 3-3; and Lyn's BBQ and Jacem Printing sit at the bottom with identical 2-4 standings.

Weather permitting, the play-offs tip off this Friday in Gualo Rai with A Bracket's 8th Division taking on MBI at 6pm followed at 8pm with B Bracket's Sherwin Williams challenging Life Force.

In Thursday's game, NVM broke out to a 23-13 lead in the opening 10 minutes. Ziddy Johannes led the charge with 10

points in the first quarter.

NVM maintained a 44-3, edge at the half as Jun Ortiz hit three treys for 11 points in the second quarter. I-Fashion's Nathan Kapileo led his team with 11 markers in the opening half.

I-Fashion adjusted after the break and pulled within two possessions, 54-58, heading into the final period. I-Fashion's Angelo Fernando scrambled for seven points in the comeback as he and his teammates contained NVM's bench to just 14 points in the third quarter.

I-Fashion did not fade at crunch time, but NVM found a way to get the job done. NVM's J.C. Muna came up big in fourth quarter, burying two 3-pointers for seven points in the clutch.

NVM's Johannes and J.R. Muna finished with 18 points apiece in the game, while I-Fashion's Kapileo turned in 13

in the loss.

Back on Wednesday, Lyn's BBQ kept pace with Cell Pro after the tip remained within two possessions, 6-10, in the first quarter, but Cell Pro heated up in the second period and jumped out to a disheartening, 36-19, lead at the pause.

With the outcome of the game not effecting either team's position in the standings, Lyn's BBQ opted to gift Cell Pro with the win and lived on to fight another day.

NVM 77 – Johannes 18, J.R. Muna 18, Ortiz 15, J.C. Muna 11, Metran 10, Montes 5.

I-Fashion 73 – Kapileo 17, Salazar 13, Fernando 12, Lapuz 8, Villanueva 7, Delos Reyes 5, Mi. Achas 4, Mc. Achas 4, Odicta 3.

Scoring by quarters: 23-13, 46-33, 58-54, 77-73.

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runner-up, while Mikayla Lopez ended up in fourth. Rafael Jones also finished fourth in the boys U18.

"We did very well in POJC. We had the most number of players who finished in the Top 4 in the singles competition," Race said.

Powerhouse Fiji had only four players making it to the Top 4, Tahiti had three, the Solomon

Islands, Papua New Guinea, and New Caledonia had two each, and Vanuatu, Tuvalu, Tonga, Cook Islands, and American Samoa had one apiece.

"We were on top of our game and this only motivates our players to keep improving their skills every year. We had a strong U12 team and some of them will move up to U15 and that is good news. Our incoming U12 players are also tough, so we are positive about our chances next year. We will play better every year," Race added.

Besides placing in the Top 4 in the singles competition of the POJC, the CNMI netters also proved their worth in the doubles. Rastguiry teamed up with Palau's Ayana Reggiil and they won the U12 doubles gold, while Miller and Jake Lee took the U15 doubles title.

The Commonwealth also collected three silver medals in doubles, courtesy of Jones (with Emil Penafiel) in the U18, Lopez and Johnson (U15), and Dela Cruz and Moris Villanueva and one bronze from Thea

Minor (in U18 with Vanuatu's Lorraine Banimatoku). Ackerman and Dela Cruz gave the CNMI two more silver medals when they placed runners-up in the juniors division of the Oceania Plate.

"Tammy was the most outstanding player on the CNMI Team this year. Negahr also did very well, losing only to Tammy. With their strong performance, they might get an invite to compete in another off-island tournament at the end of this year," Race said.

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first half, but the squad still lost and dropped to a 3-5-0 card for fourth place.

MEN'S Go Green Team 4, Thundercats 1

In the first men's game, Go Green Team foiled the Thundercats' bid for enter the win col-

umn, 4-1.

Jerish Angeles and Semisi connected on two goals apiece for Go Green, which now has a 4-2-2 slate for share of third place with Docomo and Red Inter. The Thundercats absorbed their eighth loss in as many games.

Semisi's first goal in the opening frame lifted Go Green to a 1-0 halftime lead and he added one more in the second half, while Angeles scored both goals in the final frame to

secure the win.

The Thundercats avoided a shutout when Li Zhi Peng lit up the scoreboard in the second half.

Mellow Yellow 9, IT&E Men 4

In the other men's match, Mellow Yellow notched its second win after thwarting IT&E Men, 9-4.

Gabriel Arkoh made things happen for Mellow Yellow, as he sizzled for four goals. He

had a hat-trick in the first half, powering Mellow Yellow to a 5-2 lead. Kirk Schuler and Aji Thomas had one goal each for IT&E in the first frame.

Arkoh hit another one in the second half and was joined by Allen Mijares, Yong Sang Lim, and Woo Ho Jin in the scoreboard to beat IT&E. Thomas was the only player who scored for IT&E in the final half, dropping the team to a 2-7-0 slate. Mellow Yellow now has a 2-6-0 card.

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The Blazers battled back in the third quarter and pulled within a possession, 40-43, heading into the final canto. Aulerio added six points in

the period, while a handful of Rollers 2 players chipped in on the other end.

Blazers' Patrick Torres showed up with 10 points in the clutch, but caught fire a little too late for his team to pull off the rally.

Sacramento turned in a team-

high 14 points in the game, while Blazers' Aulerio led all scorers with 19.

The U19 season holds games at the Gualo Rai venue every Monday and Wednesday from 5pm to 6pm and plays two games on Fridays from 5pm to 7pm.

Rollers 2 59 – Sacramento 14, Metran 11, Iglesias 10, Apro 10, Danas 8, DL Guerrero 2, Vertudez 2, Maranan 2.

CK Blazers 54 – Aulerio 19, Torres 16, Baza 2, Benavente 7, JDL Guerrero 6, Ray 4

Scoring by quarters: 0-0, 31-26, 43-40, 59-54.

World, stunning United Kingdom's Julie Dibens. South Africa's Conrad Stoltz was the

No. 1 overall finisher in 2010 for his fourth straight victory in Hawaii. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

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he logged only 144 pinfalls in the deciding Game 4 and averaged 164.25

John Taisacan completed the Top 3 with his 531 and average of 132.75. Three others youth keggers joined the August roll-off with Marcel McKenzie placing fourth with his 481 pinfalls, followed by Ryan Batac (456), and Greg Sablan (455).

Cal, Talavera win

In the Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes, Robert Talavera and Ron Cal notched their third monthly win.

Talavera joined Day 2 of the two-day roll-off and recorded 839 pinfalls last Sunday to win the August title. He leaned on three 200-plus pinfall outputs to surpass Day 1 leader Russelle Zapanta (773). Zapanta settled for third place, as Percy Omechelang grabbed the runner-up honor with his 797 pinfalls in Day 2.

Keglers in the adults competi-

tion have the option to bowl in one or both days, but only the higher score is counted.

In the second and final day of the roll-off, Talavera posted 212, 211, and 227 in Games 1, 3, and 4, respectively, and adding his 189 in Game 2, he ended up with an average of 209.75. He was the lone bowler in the field of 24 players to average at least 200 pinfalls per game. Omechelang and Zapanta averaged 199.25 and 193.25 pinfalls, respectively.

In the Queen of the Lanes, Cal also competed in the last day and tallied 688 in four games to win over 10 other female keggers. Cal nailed 158, 186, 178, and 166 in Games 1 to 4 for an average of 172 pinfalls.

Rounding out the Top 3 were Gigi Zapanta (649), and Gloria Omechelang (641), who had their higher scores also in Day 2 of the tournament. Day 1 leader Tess Fabia (629) dropped to fourth place.

Last Sunday was the third time Cal and Talavera paired for a win. They won in the February and June roll-offs.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	77	48	.616	—
Boston	77	50	.606	1
Tampa Bay	69	57	.548	8 1/2
Toronto	65	62	.512	13
Baltimore	48	77	.384	29

Central Division

Detroit	69	58	.543	—
Chicago	63	63	.500	5 1/2
Cleveland	62	62	.500	5 1/2
Minnesota	55	72	.433	14
Kansas City	52	76	.406	17 1/2

West Division

Texas	74	55	.574	—
Los Angeles	69	59	.539	4 1/2
Oakland	57	70	.449	16
Seattle	54	72	.429	18 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

Philadelphia	82	44	.651	—
Atlanta	77	52	.597	6 1/2
Washington	62	64	.492	20
New York	60	67	.472	22 1/2

Florida	57	70	.449	25 1/2
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Central Division

Milwaukee	77	53	.592	—
St. Louis	67	61	.523	9
Cincinnati	62	65	.488	13 1/2
Pittsburgh	60	67	.472	15 1/2
Chicago	56	72	.438	20
Houston	42	86	.328	34

West Division

Arizona	69	59	.539	—
San Francisco	68	60	.531	1
Colorado	61	68	.473	8 1/2
San Diego	59	70	.457	10 1/2
Los Angeles	58	69	.457	10 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Milwaukee 8, Pittsburgh 1st game
Washington 4, Arizona 1
Philadelphia 10, N.Y. Mets 0
Atlanta 3, Chicago Cubs 0
L.A. Dodgers 2, St. Louis 1
Pittsburgh 9, Milwaukee 2nd game
Colorado 9, Houston 5
Seattle 3, Cleveland 2
Detroit 5, Tampa Bay 2
Texas 4, Boston 0
Baltimore 4, Minnesota 1

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2011 Hong Kong-Saipan Goodwill Meet

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Members and supporters of Hong Kong Sword Fish Swim Club cheer for their swimmers before the start of the 40m breaststroke race.



Finalists in the 40m backstroke position for the start of the event.



A Hong Kong Sword Fish Swim Club swimmer, right, joins two others in plunging into the pool for the 40m freestyle swim.



Tsunami Saipan's Shigeki Tenorio, right, leads a Hong Kong Sword Fish Swim Club swimmer during the 40m breaststroke A Finals.



Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru waits for others to complete the 40m butterfly race.



Tsunami Saipan's Lukas Kang gets ready for the 40m backstroke race.



A participant in the 40m freestyle swim touches the wall.



Julie Conner races in the 40m breaststroke B Finals during the 2011 Hong Kong-Saipan Goodwill Meet last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.



Tsunami Saipan's Mark Maestro competes in the 40m butterfly.

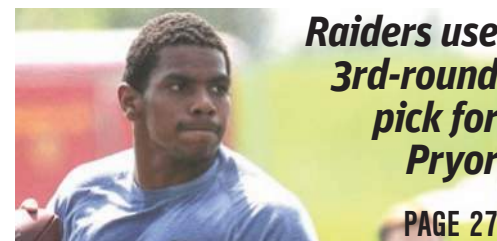


A Hong Kong Sword Fish Swim Clubs swimmer nears completion of the 400m butterfly event.



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Strong showing for CNMI netters



Coach Jeff Race, back row right, and members of the CNMI Junior Tennis Team pose for a group photo during a break in the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Lautoka, Fiji early this month.

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The CNMI-led North Pacific Team may have missed the overall title in the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji, but the Commonwealth netters still proved to be the strongest in the region.



"If you look at the POJC Top 4 singles finishes from each division, you will see that the CNMI has perhaps the strongest juniors players in the Pacific," CNMI coach Jeff Race said when asked to assess the team's performance in Fiji about two weeks ago.

Race was talking of the six

CNMI players who made it to the Top 4 of the U12, U15, and U18 divisions. Tammy Ackerman gave the Commonwealth its best finish in the POJC after topping the U12 girls singles. Negahr Rastguiry finished second in the same age group, while Carl Dela Cruz placed third in the boys U12. In the U15 division, Christian Miller was the

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Shirley's A, B stay on top

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Sister teams Shirley's A and B kept the lead in the women's division of the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League after downing separate foes on Monday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Shirley's B played in the second game of the night and shut-out IT&E Blossom, 9-0. Seven players scored for Shirley's B, improving the team's record to 6-1-0 (win-loss-draw). Marriele Gariguez and Jeralyn Castillo drilled two goals apiece, while Mikky Vargas, Alexa Vergara, Lily Williams, Nicole Arbolinas, and Gigi Zapanta added



Shirley's A's Jeraldine Castillo, left, is defended by an IT&E Blossom striker during their game in the first round of the women's futsal league at the TSL Sports Complex.

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one each.

It was the second time that Shirley's B blanked IT&E Blossom in the double-round robin competition. In the first round, Shirley's B crushed IT&E Blossom, 12-0.

Shirley's A, 3, Red Team 1

In the other women's game, Shirley's A defeated Red Team, 3-1.

Irish Pagarao delivered twin goals for Shirley's A to give her team its seventh win in eight games. She notched both goals in the second half, allowing Shirley's A to recover from a 0-1 halftime deficit. Marilou Gariguez scored the other goal for Shirley's A in the final 25 minutes of the match.

Zoe Jewell put Red Team in the scoreboard and in the driver's seat with her goal in the

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Aldan reclaims Prince of the Lanes plum



Aldan

Cal

Talavera

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Princess of the Lanes Tournament last Sunday at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Aldan, who ruled the first four monthly roll-off of the Saipan Bowling Association-sanctioned event, but lost the next three to Marion McKenzie, regained his winning form last weekend to snap his rival's streak. Aldan carded a

four-game total of 706 pinfalls against McKenzie's 657.

A strong start boosted Aldan's chances to reclaim the crown, as he tallied 200 pinfalls in Game 1. He then knocked down 150 and 170 pins in the next two games and had a decent finish in Game 4 with 186 pinfalls for an average of 176.50 per game. McKenzie's highest score was in Game 3 with his 177 and adding his 160 and 166 in Games 1 and 3, he moved within seven pinfalls behind Aldan, 513-520, with one game left. However, McKenzie fell short, as

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Rollers 2 nips CK Blazers, 59-54

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Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League U19 matchup held at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Rollers 2 evened it win-loss card to 1-1, while the Blazers are still winless in two tries.

Both teams' offenses stalled in the opening eight minutes as neither band managed a basket in the first quarter.

Rollers 2's Rodney Sacramento then took charge in the second period with 10 points as he led his squad to a 31-26 edge at halftime.

Blazers' Brandon Aulerio managed nine points in the second quarter, but did not receive much support from his teammates.

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Rollers 2's Rodney Sacramento, seen here in a file photo, scored a team-high 14 points in their victory over the CK Blazers in the Rotary caging last Monday at the TSL Sports Complex.